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April 28, 2014

Dear Fellow Stockholder:

We are pleased to invite you to the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of American Apparel, Inc. (the “Annual Meeting”), to be held on June 18, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time, at the offices of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Four Times Square, New York, NY 10036.

The matters to be considered and voted upon at the Annual Meeting are described in the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and the Proxy Statement that accompany this letter.

Under the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, we are providing access to our 2014 Annual Meeting materials, which include the accompanying Proxy Statement and our 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K, over the Internet in lieu of mailing printed copies. We will begin mailing, on or about April 28, 2014, a “Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials” to our stockholders. The Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (which is different than the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders that accompanies this letter) will contain instructions on how to access and review the 2014 Annual Meeting materials and vote online. The Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials also will contain instructions on how you can request a printed copy of the 2014 Annual Meeting materials, including a proxy card if you are a record holder or a voting instruction form if you are a beneficial owner.

It is very important that your shares be represented and voted at the Annual Meeting. Please read the attached Proxy Statement and vote your shares as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support of American Apparel.

Sincerely,

/s/ DOV CHARNEY

Dov Charney  
Chairman of the Board

AMERICAN APPAREL, INC.  
747 Warehouse Street  
Los Angeles, California 90021

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
To be held on June 18, 2014

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- Time and Date: 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time, on Wednesday, June 18, 2014
- Place: The offices of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Four Times Square, New York, NY 10036
- Items of Business:
1. To elect David Danziger, Robert Greene and Allan Mayer to the Board of Directors, each to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is duly elected and qualified, or such director's earlier death, resignation or removal.
  2. To ratify the appointment of Marcum LLP as our independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014.
  3. To conduct an advisory vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers as described in this proxy statement.
  4. To consider and transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

Board of Directors Recommendation: The Board of Directors recommends that you vote "FOR" the election of each nominee for the Board of Directors and "FOR" Items 2 and 3.

Adjournments and Postponements: Any action on the items of business described above may be considered at the Annual Meeting at the time and on the date specified above or at any time and date to which the Annual Meeting may be properly adjourned or postponed.

Record Date: You are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof only if you were a holder of record of shares of American Apparel, Inc. common stock as of the close of business on April 21, 2014. If your shares are held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank or similar organization, that organization is considered the record holder for purposes of voting at the Annual Meeting and will provide you with instructions on how you can direct that organization to vote your shares.

Internet Access to Proxy Materials: Under rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, we are providing access to our 2014 Annual Meeting materials, which include the accompanying Proxy Statement and our 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K, over the Internet in lieu of mailing printed copies. We will begin mailing, on or about April 28, 2014, a "Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials" (which is different than this Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders) to our stockholders. The Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials will contain instructions on how to access and review the 2014 Annual Meeting materials and vote online. The Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials also will contain instructions on how you can request a printed copy of the

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2014 Annual Meeting materials, including a proxy card if you are a record holder or a voting instruction form if you are beneficial owner.

**Voting:** Your vote is very important. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we encourage you to read the accompanying Proxy Statement and our 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K and vote as soon as possible. For specific instructions on how to vote your shares, please refer to the instructions in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials and the section entitled "Questions and Answers about the Proxy Materials and Annual Meeting" beginning on page 2 of the accompanying Proxy Statement.

**Admission:** Space limitations make it necessary to limit attendance at the Annual Meeting to stockholders and one guest. If your shares are held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank or similar organization and you wish to attend the Annual Meeting, you must obtain a letter from that brokerage firm, bank or similar organization confirming your beneficial ownership of the shares as of the record date and bring it to the Annual Meeting. Admission to the Annual Meeting will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Cameras and recording devices will not be permitted at the Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time.

Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m., Eastern Time.

Sincerely,

/s/ GLENN A. WEINMAN

Glenn A. Weinman

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Los Angeles, California  
April 28, 2014

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747 Warehouse Street  
Los Angeles, California 90021

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PROXY STATEMENT  
FOR 2014 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
To be held on June 18, 2014

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE PROXY MATERIALS AND ANNUAL MEETING

Q: Why am I receiving these materials?

A: This proxy statement (this “Proxy Statement”), together with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 (our “Annual Report”), is being made available to stockholders commencing on or about April 28, 2014 in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Directors (the “Board of Directors” or the “Board”) of American Apparel, Inc. (the “Company” or “American Apparel”) of proxies for use at the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and any adjournments or postponements thereof (the “Annual Meeting”) to be held at the offices of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Four Times Square, New York, NY 10036, on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time, for the purposes set forth in this Proxy Statement and in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Q: Will I be receiving printed copies of the 2014 Annual Meeting materials?

A: You will not receive printed copies unless you request them by following the instructions in the “Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials” (the “Notice”) that you will receive in the mail. The Notice is different than the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders that accompanies this Proxy Statement. We will begin mailing the Notice to stockholders on or about April 28, 2014.

Under rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), we are providing access to our 2014 Annual Meeting materials, which include this Proxy Statement and our Annual Report, over the Internet in lieu of mailing printed copies. The Notice will contain instructions on how to access and review the 2014 Annual Meeting materials and vote online. This electronic access process is designed to expedite stockholders’ receipt of materials, lower the cost of the Annual Meeting and help conserve natural resources. The Company encourages you to take advantage of the availability of the proxy materials on the Internet.

The Notice also will contain instructions on how you can request a printed copy of the 2014 Annual Meeting materials, including a proxy card if you are a record holder or a voting instruction form if you are a beneficial owner. By following the instructions in the Notice, you may request to receive, at no cost, a printed copy in paper or via e-mail of the 2014 Annual Meeting materials and materials for future proxy solicitations. Your request to receive materials in paper or via e-mail will remain in effect until you terminate it.

Q: I share an address with another stockholder, and we received only one copy of the Notice. How may I obtain a separate copy of the Notice?

A:



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The Company has adopted a procedure called “householding,” which the SEC has approved. Under this procedure, the Company may deliver a single copy of the Notice to stockholders who share the same address unless the Company has received contrary instructions from one or more of the stockholders. This procedure reduces the Company’s printing costs, mailing costs and fees. All stockholders have the ability to access the 2014 Annual Meeting materials on the website referred to in the Notice. If you would like to receive a separate copy of the Notice, please submit your request to:

American Apparel, Inc.  
Attn: Investor Relations  
747 Warehouse Street  
Los Angeles, California 90021  
(213) 488-0226

Similarly, if you share an address with another stockholder and received multiple copies of the Notice, you may write or call us at the above address and phone number to make arrangements to receive a single copy of the Notice at the shared address in the future.

In addition, if you share the same address with another stockholder and request a printed copy of the 2014 Annual Meeting materials, you may write or call us at the above address to request that a separate copy of the 2014 Annual Meeting materials be delivered to each stockholder at the shared address.

Stockholders who hold shares in an account at a brokerage firm, bank or similar organization may contact their brokerage firm, bank or other similar organization to request information about householding.

Q: What does it mean if I get more than one Notice?

A: If your shares are registered differently and are in more than one account, you may receive more than one Notice. Please follow the instructions printed on each Notice that you receive and vote the shares represented by each Notice to ensure that all of your shares are voted. If you requested to receive a printed copy of the 2014 Annual Meeting materials, please follow the voting instructions on the proxy cards or voting instruction forms, as applicable, and vote all proxy cards or voting instruction forms, as applicable, to ensure that all of your shares are voted. We encourage you to have all accounts registered in the same name and address whenever possible. You can accomplish this by contacting our transfer agent at:

Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company  
17 Battery Place  
New York, NY 10004  
(212) 509-4000, extension 206  
continentalstock.com  
cstmail@continentalstock.com

Q: How can I get electronic access to the 2014 Annual Meeting materials?

A: The Notice will provide you with instructions regarding how to view the 2014 Annual Meeting materials on the Internet.

This Proxy Statement and our Annual Report are also available without charge on the Company's website at [www.americanapparel.net/aboutus/investorrelations/](http://www.americanapparel.net/aboutus/investorrelations/) and the SEC's website at [sec.gov](http://sec.gov). By referring to our website, we do not incorporate the website or any portion of the website by reference into this Proxy Statement.

The Notice will also contain instructions on how you can elect to receive future proxy materials electronically by e-mail. Choosing to receive future proxy materials by e-mail will save the Company the cost of printing and mailing documents to you and will reduce the impact of the Company's annual meetings on the environment. If you choose to receive future proxy materials by e-mail, you will receive an e-mail message next year with instructions containing a link to those materials and a link to the proxy voting website. Your election to receive proxy materials by e-mail will remain in effect until you terminate it.

Q: How may I obtain a copy of the Company's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K?

Our Annual Report will be made available over the Internet as set forth in the Notice. You may also request, without charge, a paper or e-mail copy of the Annual Report by following the instructions in the Notice. In addition, you may obtain, without charge, a copy of the Annual Report from the SEC's website at [sec.gov](http://sec.gov) or the Company's website at

[www.americanapparel.net/aboutus/investorrelations/](http://www.americanapparel.net/aboutus/investorrelations/). By referring to our website, we do not incorporate the website or any portion of the website by reference into this Proxy Statement.

Q: What items will be voted on at the Annual Meeting?

A: (1) The election of each of Messrs. Danziger, Greene and Mayer to the Board of Directors, each to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is duly elected and qualified, or such director's earlier death, resignation or removal. This proposal is referred to as "Proposal 1."

(2) The ratification of the appointment of Marcum LLP as our independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014. This proposal is referred to as "Proposal 2."

(3) An advisory vote to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers as described in this proxy statement. This proposal is referred to as "Proposal 3."

(4) Such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting. This proposal is referred to as "Proposal 4."

The stockholders of the Company have no dissenters' or appraisal rights in connection with any of the proposals to be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Q: How does the Board recommend I vote on the proposals?

A: The Board recommends a vote FOR the election of each of Messrs. Danziger, Greene and Mayer to the Board of Directors, each to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is duly elected and qualified, or such director's earlier death, resignation or removal.

The Board recommends a vote FOR the ratification of Marcum LLP as our independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2014.

The Board recommends a vote FOR the approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of the Company's named executive officers as described in this proxy statement.

Q: Who is entitled to vote?

A: Only holders of record of common stock (the "Common Stock") of the Company as of the close of business on April 21, 2014 (the "Record Date") are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

If your shares are held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank or similar organization, that organization is considered the record holder for purposes of voting at the Annual Meeting and will provide you with instructions on how to direct that organization to vote your shares. See "What if my shares are held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank or similar organization?" below.

Q: How many shares can I vote?

A: As of the Record Date, 173,497,302 shares of Common Stock, the only outstanding voting securities of the Company, were issued and outstanding. Each record holder of Common Stock is entitled to one vote for each share held.

Q: How do I vote?

A: There are four ways to vote:

Voting in Person. To vote in person, you must attend the Annual Meeting and follow the procedures for voting announced at the Annual Meeting. If your shares are held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank or similar organization, you must present a signed proxy from that organization in order to be able to vote at the Annual Meeting.

Voting by Internet. You may vote by proxy over the Internet by following the instructions provided in the Notice.

Voting by Telephone. If you requested a printed copy of the 2014 Annual Meeting materials, you may vote by proxy by calling the toll free number found on the proxy card or voting instruction form, as applicable.

Voting by Mail. If you requested a printed copy of the 2014 Annual Meeting materials, you may vote by proxy by mail by following the instructions on the proxy card or voting instruction form, as applicable.

Q: Can I mark my votes on the Notice and send it back to the Company or my broker?

A: No. The Notice is not a ballot. You cannot use it to vote your shares. If you mark your vote on the Notice and send it back to the Company or your broker, your vote will not count.

Q: Can I change my vote after I have voted?

A: You may revoke your proxy and change your vote at any time before the final vote at the Annual Meeting by voting again by proxy as described above (only your latest, properly completed proxy submitted, whether by mail, telephone or the Internet, prior to the Annual Meeting will be counted) or by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person. However, your attendance at the Annual Meeting will not automatically revoke your proxy unless you vote again at the Annual Meeting or specifically request in writing that your prior proxy be revoked by delivering to the Company's Secretary at 747 Warehouse Street, Los Angeles, California 90021 a written notice of revocation prior to the Annual Meeting.

Q: What if my shares are held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank or similar organization?

A: If your shares are held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank or similar organization, then you are the beneficial owner of shares held in "street name," and the Notice was forwarded to you by that organization. The organization holding your account is considered the record holder for purposes of voting at the Annual Meeting. As a beneficial owner, you have the right to direct that organization on how to vote the shares held in your account, and that organization will provide you with instructions on how to do so. If you requested a printed copy of the 2014 Annual Meeting materials, you will receive a voting instruction form from your brokerage firm, bank or similar organization instead of a proxy card, and you should follow the instructions on the voting instruction form.

If you do not provide the organization that holds your shares with specific voting instructions, under the rules of the NYSE MKT LLC (the "NYSE MKT") in effect as of the date of this Proxy Statement, that organization generally may vote on routine matters but cannot vote on non-routine matters. Non-routine matters include Proposals 1 and 3. If the organization that holds your shares does not receive instructions from you on how to vote your shares on a non-routine matter, that organization will inform the inspector of elections that it does not have the authority to vote on that matter with respect to your shares. This is generally referred to as a "broker non-vote." A broker non-vote will have the effects described under "What is a quorum?" and "What is required to approve each proposal?" below.

Q: What is a quorum?

A: A quorum must have been established in order to consider any matter.

For Proposal 1, directors are elected by a plurality of votes cast. Therefore, the three candidates for director receiving the most votes will become directors of the Company. Stockholders may not cumulate their votes. Any broker non-votes and any proxies marked "Withhold" with respect to the election of one or more directors will not count as "votes cast" with respect to the director or directors indicated and therefore will be disregarded for purposes of

determining the outcome of this proposal.

Proposal 2, the ratification of our independent auditors, requires the affirmative “for” vote of a majority of those shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on this proposal at the Annual Meeting. Any abstentions with respect to this proposal will count as votes against this proposal.

Proposal 3, the approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of the Company’s named executive officers as described in this proxy statement, is advisory only. The Board of Directors and the Compensation Committee will consider the proposal approved if it receives the affirmative vote of a majority of those shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on this proposal at the Annual Meeting. Any abstentions with respect to this proposal will count as votes against this proposal. Any broker non-votes with respect to this proposal will not count as shares entitled to vote on this proposal and therefore will be disregarded for purposes of determining the outcome of the vote on this proposal.

Dov Charney, the beneficial owner of approximately 27% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock and voting power of the Company as of the Record Date, has informed the Company that he intends to vote in favor of the election of Messrs. Danziger, Greene and Mayer to the Board of Directors and in favor of Proposals 2 and 3. For more information on shares owned by Mr. Charney and other directors and executive officers of the Company, see “Beneficial Ownership of Shares” herein.

Q: How will voting on any other business be conducted?

A: Although we do not know of any business to be considered at the Annual Meeting other than the proposals described in this Proxy Statement, if any other business is presented at the Annual Meeting, your signed proxy or your authenticated Internet or telephone proxy will give authority to each of Dov Charney, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, John. J. Luttrell, our Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and Glenn A. Weinman, our Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, to vote on such matters at their discretion.

Q: What is the deadline to propose actions for consideration at next year’s annual meeting of stockholders or to nominate individuals to serve as directors?

A: You may submit proposals, including director nominations, for consideration at future stockholder meetings as follows:

Stockholder Proposals: For a stockholder proposal to be considered for inclusion in the Company’s proxy statement for the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, the written proposal must be delivered to or mailed and received by the Secretary of the Company at our principal executive offices no later than December 29, 2014. If the date of the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is moved more than 30 days before or after the anniversary date of the Annual Meeting, the deadline for inclusion of proposals in our proxy statement instead will be a reasonable time before we begin to print and mail our proxy materials. Such proposals also will need to comply with Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), regarding the inclusion of stockholder proposals in company-sponsored proxy materials. Proposals should be addressed to:

American Apparel, Inc.  
Attn: Glenn A. Weinman, Secretary  
747 Warehouse Street  
Los Angeles, California 90021  
(213) 488-0226

For a stockholder proposal that is not intended to be included in the Company’s proxy statement for the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders under Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act, written notice of the proposal, which notice must



include the information required by the Company's bylaws (the "Bylaws"), must be received by the Company's Secretary:

Not earlier than the close of business on the 90th day prior to the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders; and

Not later than the close of business on the 60th day prior to the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

If less than 70 days' notice or prior public disclosure of the date of the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is given or made to stockholders, then notice of a stockholder proposal that is not intended to be included in the Company's proxy statement under Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act must be received no later than the close of business on the tenth day following the date on which notice of the date of the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is mailed to the stockholders or the date on which public disclosure of the date of the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is made, whichever is first.

**Nomination of Director Candidates:** You may propose director candidates for consideration by the Board's Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee or you may nominate director candidates directly at an annual meeting in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Bylaws, as summarized under the caption "Corporate Governance and Board Matters—Consideration of Director Nominees—Stockholder Nominees" herein.

**Copy of Bylaw Provisions:** You may contact the Company's Secretary at our principal executive offices for a copy of the relevant Bylaw provisions regarding the requirements for making stockholder proposals and nominating director candidates.

**Q:** How is the Company soliciting proxies for the Annual Meeting?

**A:** This solicitation is made via the Internet on behalf of the Board of Directors. Costs of the solicitation will be borne by the Company. Further solicitation of proxies may be made by telephone, mail, facsimile or personal interview by the directors, officers and employees of the Company and its affiliates, who will not receive additional compensation for the solicitation. The Company will reimburse banks, brokerage firms and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for reasonable expenses incurred by them in forwarding proxy materials to stockholders.

**Q:** How can I find the voting results of the Annual Meeting?

**A:** We intend to announce preliminary voting results at the Annual Meeting and will publish final results in our Current Report on Form 8-K within four business days after the Annual Meeting.

**Q:** How may I communicate with the Company's Board or the non-management directors on the Company's Board?

**A:** You may communicate with the Board by submitting an e-mail to the Company's Board at [bod@americanapparel.net](mailto:bod@americanapparel.net). All directors have access to this e-mail address.

## PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF CLASS A DIRECTORS

Pursuant to the Company's certificate of incorporation, the Board of Directors is divided into three classes of directors serving staggered terms (Classes A, B and C). One class of directors is elected at each annual meeting of stockholders for a three-year term, and those directors will hold office until their successors have been duly elected and qualified, or until their earlier death, resignation or removal. The Bylaws authorize a Board of Directors consisting of not less than one or more than nine directors. The Board of Directors currently consists of seven members: Messrs. Dov Charney, Alberto Chehebar, David Danziger, Robert Greene, Marvin Igelman, Allan Mayer and William Mauer. We currently have two vacancies on the Board of Directors—one Class B vacancy and one Class C vacancy—which we are required to reserve for designees of Lion (as defined below) as discussed herein under "Directors and Officers." Proxies may only be voted for the Class A Nominees and may not be voted for the election of directors to the Lion board designee vacancies.

The terms of Messrs. Danziger, Greene and Mayer will expire at the Annual Meeting. After careful consideration of the specific experience, qualifications, attributes and skills of each director and director nominee, the Board has nominated David Danziger, Robert Greene and Allan Mayer (the "Class A Nominees") for reelection at the Annual Meeting. Each of Messrs. Danziger, Greene and Mayer currently meets the criteria to qualify as an independent director according to SEC regulations and NYSE MKT listing standards.

If elected, each of the Class A Nominees will serve for a term of three years and until his successor is duly elected and qualified at the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, or such director's earlier death, resignation or removal.

Each of the Class A Nominees has consented to being named in this Proxy Statement and has agreed to serve as a member of the Board of Directors if elected. If any of the Class A Nominees is unable to serve, which is not anticipated, the persons named as proxies intend to vote for such other person or persons as the Board of Directors may designate in accordance with the Investment Agreement and the Investment Voting Agreement described below. In no event will the shares represented by the proxies be voted for more than three nominees at the Annual Meeting.

The names and certain information concerning each of the Class A Nominees, including their experience, qualifications, attributes and skills, are set forth below, and the names and certain information regarding the continuing directors whose terms expire in 2015 and 2016 are set forth under the heading "Directors and Executive Officers" herein.

David Danziger was elected a director of American Apparel by the Board of Directors on June 24, 2011. Mr. Danziger is a chartered accountant and a senior partner at MSCM LLP, Chartered Accountants, a full service audit and accounting firm located in Toronto. His practice involves the audit of public companies listed on all stock exchanges in North America. Mr. Danziger has over 25 years' experience in audit, accounting and management consulting. He is currently a Director for Eurotin Inc., Carpathian Gold Inc. and Renforth Resources Inc. Mr. Danziger is a member of an advisory committee to the Ontario Securities Commission on small to medium sized companies. Mr. Danziger graduated with a B.Comm. from the University of Toronto. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board of Directors each believes that Mr. Danziger's experience in the accounting and management consulting industries and his experience as a director of multiple companies, combined with the leadership skills and experiences of our other Board members, provides the Company with the perspectives and judgment necessary to guide the Company's strategy and monitor its execution.

Robert Greene became a director of American Apparel on December 12, 2007. Mr. Greene is a bestselling author known for his books on business strategy. Since 2003, Mr. Greene has worked as a private consultant to several executives in businesses ranging from financial management to artists' agencies and film production. He has written four books: *The 48 Laws of Power* (1998, over 900,000 copies sold in the U.S., and translated into 21 languages); *The*

Art of Seduction (2001); The 33 Strategies of War (2006) and The 50th Law (2009). He has worked in New York City as an editor and writer for several magazines, including Esquire, and in Hollywood as a story developer and writer. He has previously resided in London, England; Paris, France; and Barcelona, Spain; he speaks several languages and has worked as a translator. Mr. Greene attended the University of California, Berkeley and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he received a B.A. in classical studies. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board of Directors each believes that Mr. Greene's experience as a consultant and his research on business strategy, combined with the leadership skills and experiences of our other Board members, provides the Company with the perspectives and judgment necessary to guide the Company's strategy and monitor execution.

Allan Mayer became a director of American Apparel on December 12, 2007. Since October 2006, he has been a principal partner, member of the management committee, and head of the Strategic Communications Division of 42West LLC, a leading public relations firm. Previously, from 1997 until October 2006, Mr. Mayer was managing director and head of the entertainment practice at the nationally-known crisis communications firm Sitrick and Company. Mr. Mayer began his professional life as a journalist, working as a staff reporter for The Wall Street Journal; a writer, foreign correspondent and senior editor for Newsweek, and the founding editor (and later publisher) of Buzz magazine. He also served as editorial director of Arbor House Publishing Co. and senior editor of Simon & Schuster. Mr. Mayer has authored two books—Madam Prime Minister: Margaret Thatcher and Her Rise to Power (Newsweek Books, 1980) and Gaston’s War (Presidio Press, 1987)—and is co-author, with Michael S. Sitrick, of Spin: How To Turn The Power of the Press to Your Advantage (Regnery, 1998). In addition, he has written for a wide variety of national publications, ranging from The New York Times Magazine to Vogue. Mr. Mayer is a recipient of numerous professional honors, including the National Magazine Award, the Overseas Press Club Citation of Excellence, and six William Allen White Awards. Mr. Mayer serves on the board of directors of Film Independent and has lectured on crisis management and communications at UCLA’s Anderson School of Business and USC’s Annenberg School of Communication. Mr. Mayer received his B.A. from Cornell University. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board of Directors each believes that Mr. Mayer’s experience as member of management of a leading public relations firm and in a leadership position as managing director of a nationally known crisis communications firm, combined with the leadership skills and experiences of our other Board members, provides the Company with the perspectives and judgment necessary to guide the Company’s strategy and monitor its execution.

#### Vote Required

The Class A Nominees will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting.

Dov Charney, the beneficial owner of approximately 27% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock and voting power of the Company as of the Record Date, has informed the Company that he intends to vote in favor of the election of Messrs. Danziger, Greene and Mayer to the Board of Directors. For more information on shares owned by Mr. Charney and other directors and executive officers of the Company, see “Beneficial Ownership of Shares” herein.

Any broker non-votes and any proxies marked “Withhold” with respect to the election of one or more directors will not count as “votes cast” with respect to the director or directors indicated and therefore will be disregarded for purposes of determining the outcome of the election of the Class A Nominees.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of the Class A Nominees.

## PROPOSAL 2: RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The Audit Committee has selected the firm of Marcum LLP (“Marcum”) to act as the Company’s independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014, and recommends that the stockholders vote in favor of such appointment. Marcum has served as the Company’s independent auditors since 2010.

Although stockholder ratification of the selection of Marcum as the Company’s independent auditors is not required by the Company’s Bylaws or otherwise, the Board of Directors believes it appropriate as a matter of policy to request that stockholders ratify the selection of the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm, and the stockholders ratified the selection of Marcum in previous years. In the event the stockholders do not ratify the appointment of Marcum, the Audit Committee will reconsider its appointment. In addition, even if the stockholders ratify the appointment of Marcum, the Audit Committee may in its discretion appoint a different independent public accounting firm at any time if the Audit Committee determines that a change is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders. Representatives of Marcum are expected to be present at the Annual Meeting to respond to appropriate questions and to make a statement if such representatives so desire.

### Vote Required

The affirmative vote of a majority of shares present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote on this proposal is required to ratify the selection of Marcum as our independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014. Unless instructed to the contrary in the proxy, the shares represented by the proxies will be voted FOR this Proposal 2.

Dov Charney, the beneficial owner of approximately 27% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock and voting power of the Company as of the Record Date, has informed the Company that he intends to vote in favor of this Proposal 2. For more information on shares owned by Mr. Charney and other directors and executive officers of the Company, see “Beneficial Ownership of Shares” herein.

Any abstentions with respect to this Proposal 2 will count as votes AGAINST this Proposal 2. Any broker non-votes with respect to this Proposal 2 will not count as shares entitled to vote on this proposal and therefore will be disregarded for purposes of determining the outcome of the vote on this Proposal 2.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR this Proposal 2.

## RELATIONSHIP WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

## Principal Accounting Firm Fees

Aggregate fees billed to us for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 by the Company's current and former independent auditors are as follows.

	(in thousands)	2013	2012
Marcum LLP			
Audit fees(1)		\$ 1,825	\$ 1,766
Audit-related fees(2)		120	—
Tax fees(3)		—	—
All other fees(4)		—	—
		\$ 1,945	\$ 1,766

- (1) "Audit fees" consist of fees for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements included in Form 10-Ks, the review of financial statements included in Form 10-Qs and for services that are normally provided by the auditor in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for those fiscal years.
- (2) "Audit-related fees" consist of fees for assurance and related activities by the principal accountant that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company's financial statements and are not reported as audit fees.
- (3) "Tax fees" consist of fees for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.
- (4) "All other fees" consist of fees for any products and services provided by the principal accountant not included in the first three categories.

In accordance with Section 10A(i) of the Exchange Act, before the Company engages its independent accountant to render audit or non-audit services, the engagement is approved by the Company's Audit Committee. All of the Company's independent auditor's fees were pre-approved by the Audit Committee in 2013. The Audit Committee utilizes a policy pursuant to which the audit, audit-related, and permissible non-audit services to be performed by the independent auditor are pre-approved prior to the engagement to perform such services. Pre-approval is generally provided annually, and any pre-approval is detailed as to the particular service or category of services and is generally limited by a maximum fee amount. The independent auditor and management are required to periodically report to the Audit Committee regarding the extent of services provided by the independent auditor in accordance with this pre-approval, and the fees for the services performed to date. The Audit Committee considered whether the provision of non-audit services provided by Marcum as described above was compatible with maintaining such accountant's independence, and believes that the provision of these services is consistent with maintaining such accountant's independence.

## REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee assists the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities for general oversight of the integrity of the Company's financial statements, the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, the Company's system of internal control over financial reporting and the qualifications, independence and performance of the Company's internal audit function and independent auditor. Management is responsible for the financial reporting process, including the Company's system of internal control over financial reporting, and for the preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Company's independent auditor is responsible for performing an independent audit of the Company's financial statements and expressing an opinion as to the conformity of the Company's audited financial statements with generally accepted accounting principles.

The Audit Committee reviewed and discussed with management the Company's audited financial statements as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013. In addition, the Audit Committee discussed with Marcum the matters with respect to the audit of such financial statements required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as amended and adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in Rule 3200T, pertaining to communications with audit committees. The Audit Committee also received the written disclosures and the letter from Marcum required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding Marcum's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence and discussed with Marcum its independence.

The Audit Committee met with Marcum, with and without management present, to discuss the overall scope of its audit, the results of its examinations, its evaluations, if any, of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, and the overall quality of the Company's financial reporting, in each case for fiscal year 2013.

Based on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 for filing with the SEC.

By the Audit Committee,

David Danziger, Chairman  
Marvin Igelman  
William Mauer



### PROPOSAL 3: ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act added Section 14A to the Exchange Act, which requires that we provide the Company's stockholders with the opportunity to vote to approve, on a nonbinding, advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers as disclosed in this proxy statement in accordance with the compensation disclosure rules of the SEC.

This vote is advisory, which means that the vote on executive compensation is not binding on the Company, the Company's Board of Directors or the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. The vote on this resolution is not intended to address any specific element of compensation, but rather relates to the overall compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as described in this proxy statement in accordance with the compensation disclosure rules of the SEC.

As discussed more fully in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section of this Proxy Statement beginning on page 28, it is the Company's intent that its executive compensation programs achieve three fundamental objectives: competitive compensation, pay for performance, and alignment of executive incentives with stockholder interests. Periodically, the Company has retained compensation consultant Pearl Meyer & Partners, LLC ("PM&P") to conduct competitive reviews of executive compensation for the CEO and Named Officers and to assist in reviewing our annual incentive plan and long-term equity incentive program to reward and retain key executives.

The Company's last advisory vote on executive compensation was held at the Company's 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The Company's stockholders voted to approve the advisory proposal by a vote of 46,305,428 for to 4,757,266 against with 38,780 abstaining and 13,124,449 broker non-votes, as reported in the Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 27, 2011. The next stockholder advisory vote on executive compensation will be included in the Company's 2017 Proxy Statement, which is also when the next advisory vote on the frequency of an advisory vote on executive compensation will occur.

The following resolution will be presented to the Company's stockholders for an advisory vote at the Annual Meeting:

"RESOLVED, that the Company's stockholders approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the named executive officers, as disclosed in the Company's Proxy Statement for the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the SEC, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the Summary Compensation Table and the other related tables and disclosure."

#### Vote Required

Proposal 3 is advisory only. The Board of Directors and the Compensation Committee will consider the proposal approved if it receives the affirmative vote of a majority of those shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on this proposal at the Annual Meeting.

Dov Charney, the beneficial owner of approximately 27% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock and voting power of the Company as of the Record Date, has informed the Company that he intends to vote in favor of this Proposal 3. For more information on shares owned by Mr. Charney and other directors and executive officers of the Company, see "Beneficial Ownership of Shares" herein.

Any abstentions with respect to this Proposal 3 will count as votes against Proposal 3. Any broker non-votes with respect to this Proposal 3 will not count as shares entitled to vote on this proposal and therefore will be disregarded for purposes of determining the outcome of the vote on this Proposal 3.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR this Proposal 3.

## DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The directors and executive officers of the Company and their ages and positions with the Company as of the Record Date are as follows:

Name	Age	Position
Dov Charney(1)	45	Director, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer
John J. Luttrell	59	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Martin Bailey	54	Chief Manufacturing Officer
Glenn A. Weinman	58	Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
Alberto Chehebar	45	Director
Allan Mayer	64	Director
David Danziger	57	Director
Marvin Igelman	51	Director
Robert Greene	54	Director
William Mauer	72	Director

(1) As described under “Certain Relationships and Related Transactions” herein, Mr. Charney and Lion/Hollywood L.L.C. (as successor by assignment from Lion Capital (Guernsey) II Limited, “Lion”) are parties to a voting agreement, dated as of March 13, 2009 (the “Investment Voting Agreement”), pursuant to which, so long as Lion has the right to designate any person or persons to the Board of Directors, Lion has agreed to vote its shares of Common Stock in favor of Mr. Charney each time Mr. Charney is nominated for election to the Board of Directors, provided that Lion’s obligation to so vote terminates under certain circumstances as described under “Certain Relationships and Related Transactions” herein.

Adrian Taylor served as Vice President, Corporate Controller of the Company as of the end of the 2013 fiscal year. Mr. Taylor resigned from the Company effective as of March 14, 2014.

## Director Nominees

The names and certain information concerning each of the Class A Nominees’ experience, qualifications, attributes and skills are set forth under “Proposal 1” above.

## Director Vacancies

There are currently two vacancies on the Company’s Board of Directors: one Class B director vacancy and one Class C director vacancy.

Pursuant to the Investment Agreement (described under “Certain Relationships and Related Transactions”), Lion currently has the right to designate two persons to the Board of Directors (“Investor Directors”) and a board observer (“Board Observer”). On March 30, 2011, Lyndon Lea and Neil Richardson, Lion’s designated Investor Directors, resigned as members of the Board and Jacob Capps resigned as Board Observer, and Lion has not designated any replacements to fill the director vacancies. Lion has indicated that it will retain its ability to re-designate Investor Directors to the Board at the appropriate time in the future, pursuant to its designation rights under the Investment Agreement.

Lion’s rights to designate Investor Directors and a Board Observer are subject to maintaining certain minimum ownership thresholds of shares of Common Stock issuable under the Lion Warrants. See “Director Vacancies” below.

Also, pursuant to the 2009 Investment Voting Agreement (described under “Certain Relationships and Related Transactions” herein), for so long as Lion has the right to designate any person or persons to the Board of Directors, Mr. Charney has agreed to vote his shares of Common Stock in favor of Lion’s designees, provided that Mr. Charney’s obligation to so vote terminates under certain circumstances as described under “Certain Relationships and Related Transactions” herein.

## Directors Continuing in Office

The names and certain information regarding each continuing director's experience, qualifications, attributes and skills are set forth below.

### Class B Directors (Terms Expire at the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders)

Alberto Chehebar became a director of American Apparel on February 17, 2012 and currently serves as a member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board. Mr. Chehebar is a founder of Stilotex S.A., a Colombia-based wholesale distributor of textiles, toys, home appliances, baby clothing and baby products, where he has served as a director since 1992. Additionally, since 2006, Mr. Chehebar has served as a partner and a director of Pepe Ganga, a Colombia-based retail chain that sells toys, clothing, and household, beauty, entertainment and sports products. Mr. Chehebar has also served as a partner and a director of Blu Logistics, a Colombia-based shipping and logistics company, since 2008. Mr. Chehebar is a graduate of Manhattanville College, where he received a Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in Sociology. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board of Directors each believes that Mr. Chehebar's qualifications and considerable experience in the apparel industry at both the retail and wholesale level, combined with the leadership skills and experiences of our other Board members, provides the Company with the perspectives and judgment necessary to guide the Company's strategy and monitor its execution.

William Mauer became a director of American Apparel on November 28, 2011 and currently serves as a member of the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee of the Board. Mr. Mauer has been a senior partner at the law firm of Lapin Mauer since 1986. He has practiced as an attorney for 44 years, specializing in Real Estate and Financial Transactions. Mr. Mauer has also served as Governor of Bar of Quebec since 2008. Additionally, he served as a director and audit committee member of Republic National Bank from 1983 to 2000. Mr. Mauer received his law degree from McGill University and his Bachelor of Arts from Concordia University. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board of Directors each believes that Mr. Mauer's extensive legal and financial expertise, combined with the leadership skills and experiences of our other Board members, provides the Company with the perspectives and judgment necessary to guide the Company's strategy and monitor its execution.

### Class C Directors (Terms Expire at the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders)

Dov Charney has served as Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and a director of American Apparel since December 12, 2007, and served as President of American Apparel from December 2007 until October 2010. Prior thereto, Mr. Charney served as founder, director, chief executive officer and president of American Apparel's predecessor companies since their formation in Columbia, South Carolina, in 1989. Mr. Charney is a graduate of Choate Rosemary Hall and attended Tufts University. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board of Directors each believes that Mr. Charney, as the founder of Old American Apparel (as defined under "Corporate Governance and Board Matters" below) and its predecessor companies and as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company since 2007 and President of the Company from 2007 until October 2010, provides our Board with an informed perspective on the Company and the apparel industry and the perspectives and judgment necessary to guide the Company's strategy and monitor its execution.

Pursuant to the 2009 Investment Voting Agreement (described under "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" herein), for so long as Lion has the right to designate any person or persons to the Board of Directors, Lion has agreed to vote its shares of Common Stock in favor of Mr. Charney each time Mr. Charney is nominated for election to the Board of Directors, provided that Lion's obligation to so vote terminates under certain circumstances as described under "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" herein.

Marvin Igelman was elected a director of American Apparel by the Board of Directors on June 24, 2011, and his election as a director became effective on July 1, 2011. Mr. Igelman served as a director and the Chief Strategy Officer of Poynt Corporation, a Canadian company that offers mobile location-based search services, from February 2010 to June 2011. Poynt Corporation filed for bankruptcy under Canadian law on July 5, 2012, and a receiver was appointed over that company on November 1, 2012. From May 2006 to February 2010, Mr. Igelman served as the Chief Executive Officer of Unomobi Incorporated, a mobile advertising and messaging platform he founded, which was acquired by Poynt Corporation in February 2010. From 2002 to 2006, Mr. Igelman served as a business development consultant for numerous technology companies, and established a number of other ventures, including founding Unomobi Incorporated. Mr. Igelman is a graduate of Toronto's Osgoode Hall Law School. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board of Directors each believes that Mr. Igelman's leadership experience attained at multiple companies and his experience in business development, combined with the leadership skills and experiences of our other Board members, provides the Company with the perspectives and judgment necessary to guide the Company's strategy and monitor its execution.

## Executive Officers

In addition to our executive officers who are listed as being directors, Messrs. Luttrell, Bailey and Weinman are executive officers of the Company. Mr. Taylor served as an executive officer, in his capacity as Vice President, Corporate Controller, until his resignation, effective as of March 14, 2014.

John J. Luttrell joined American Apparel as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in February 2011. Mr. Luttrell has over 14 years of experience in the retail industry. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Luttrell was a partner at CFOs 2 Go Partners, a management consulting firm, since 2009. From 2007 to 2008, Mr. Luttrell served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Old Navy, Inc. Mr. Luttrell also served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of The Wet Seal, Inc. from 2005 to 2007. Mr. Luttrell also worked at Cost Plus, Inc., where he served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from 2004 to 2005, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from 2001 to 2004, and Vice President and Controller from 2000 to 2001. Mr. Luttrell is a graduate of Purdue University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in General Management and Accounting.

Martin Bailey has been the Chief Manufacturing Officer of American Apparel since the consummation of the Acquisition on December 12, 2007. Prior to the Acquisition, Mr. Bailey had served as President of Manufacturing of Old American Apparel since 2002, overseeing operations of textile and apparel production and the planning, purchasing, sourcing, product development, quality-assurance and distribution departments, as well as nonrelated support departments. Having been in the apparel industry for over 30 years, Mr. Bailey brings to American Apparel a wealth of industry experience. He has managed manufacturing services and operations for companies such as Fruit of the Loom and Alstyle Apparel and has earned a reputation in the apparel industry for his ability to implement cost-effective programs and streamline and organize production growth. Mr. Bailey graduated from Campbellsville College with a B.S. in Business Administration.

Glenn A. Weinman has served as Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary since June 28, 2012 and also held the title of Executive Vice President, Real Estate from June 2012 through March 2014. Mr. Weinman joined American Apparel as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary on February 17, 2009. As General Counsel, Mr. Weinman oversees all aspects of American Apparel's legal matters, including business transactions and securities law compliance. Mr. Weinman was previously a partner at Dongell Lawrence Finney LLP, a California-based law firm, which he joined in 2006 and where he led the firm's corporate and business transactions practice. From 2005 to 2006, Mr. Weinman was an independent contractor, providing legal and human resources consulting services on various corporate and employment matters. Prior thereto, Mr. Weinman was vice president, general counsel and secretary of Inter-Con Security Systems from 2003 to 2005. In addition to his experience as an attorney in private practice with several major national law firms, Mr. Weinman has also served as general counsel for a number of companies, including Inter-Con Security Systems, Inc., a U.S. based provider of security services internationally, Luminent, Inc., a Nasdaq-listed fiber optic component manufacturer acquired by MRV Communications, and Guess?, Inc., a NYSE-listed international apparel company. At Guess?, Mr. Weinman served as vice president, general counsel and secretary from 1996 to 2000, and managed the legal, human resources, risk management, shareholder relations, and contractor compliance departments. Mr. Weinman was part of the respective executive teams that managed the successful initial public offering of Guess? in 1996 and Luminent, Inc. in 2000. Mr. Weinman obtained his B.A. from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1978, and his J.D. from the University of Southern California Law Center in 1981. He also received a professional designation in human resources management from the University of California at Los Angeles in 2004.

Adrian Taylor was the Vice President, Corporate Controller of American Apparel from 2007 until his resignation, effective as of March 14, 2014. Mr. Taylor oversaw financial accounting, reporting, insurance, tax and controls for American Apparel's global operations. Mr. Taylor joined American Apparel in early 2007 and was responsible for

establishing a comprehensive set of controls and budgets helping mitigate risk, as well as tax planning strategies and accuracy in financial reporting. From 2003 to 2007, Mr. Taylor was the Controller of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the largest Catholic diocese in United States, and was responsible for a balance sheet with over \$1 billion in real estate and other investments. Prior to joining the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Mr. Taylor was an auditor and consultant with PricewaterhouseCoopers and Deloitte Consulting, working with Fortune 500 clients in retail and manufacturing space, including M&M Mars, Boeing and Avery Dennison. Mr. Taylor is a California Certified Public Accountant, currently with inactive status. He is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in economics with an emphasis in accounting.



## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND BOARD MATTERS

### Background of American Apparel, Inc.

American Apparel, Inc., a Delaware corporation, was incorporated on July 22, 2005 as Endeavor Acquisition Corp. (“Endeavor”), a blank check company formed to acquire an operating business. On December 12, 2007, Endeavor consummated the acquisition of American Apparel, Inc., a California corporation (“Old American Apparel”) and its affiliated companies and changed its name to American Apparel, Inc. Old American Apparel merged with and into AAI Acquisition LLC, a California limited liability company, which changed its name to American Apparel (USA), LLC.

### Director Independence

The Board is currently composed of seven directors, six of whom qualify as independent directors as defined under the applicable listing standards of the NYSE MKT (each an “Independent Director”). Each of Messrs. Danziger, Greene and Mayer qualify as an Independent Director, and following the reelection of the Class A Nominees, the Board will be composed of seven directors, the following six of whom will qualify as Independent Directors: Messrs. Chehebar, Danziger, Igelman, Greene, Mayer and Mauer.

In establishing independence, the Board affirmatively determines that each director or nominee does not have a relationship that would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director. In addition, the Board has determined as provided in the NYSE MKT rules that the following categories of persons would not be considered independent: (1) a director who is, or during the past three years was, employed by the Company, other than prior employment as an interim executive officer (provided the interim employment did not last longer than one year); (2) a director who accepted or has an immediate family member who accepted any compensation from the Company in excess of \$120,000 during any period of twelve consecutive months within the three years preceding the determination of independence (unless such compensation falls under exceptions provided for under the NYSE MKT rules); (3) a director who is an immediate family member of an individual who is, or at any time during the past three years was, employed by the Company as an executive officer; (4) a director who is an executive officer, partner or a controlling stockholder, or has an immediate family member who is an executive officer, partner or a controlling stockholder, of an organization to which the Company made, or from which the Company received, payments (other than those arising solely from investments in the Company’s securities or payments under non-discretionary charitable contribution matching programs) which, in any of the past three fiscal years, exceeds or exceeded the greater of \$200,000, or 5% of the other organization’s consolidated gross revenues; (5) a director who is, or has an immediate family member who is, employed as an executive officer of another entity where at any time during the most recent three fiscal years any of the Company’s executive officers serve on the compensation committee of such other entity; and (6) a director who is, or has an immediate family member who is, a current partner of the Company’s outside auditor, or was a partner or employee of the Company’s outside auditor who worked on the Company’s audit at any time during any of the past three years.

Applying these standards, the Board determined that the following directors qualify as Independent Directors: Messrs. Chehebar, Danziger, Igelman, Greene, Mayer, and Mauer. Each of the members of each of the committees of the Board is an Independent Director, and, in the case of members of the Audit Committee (Messrs. Danziger, Igelman and Mauer, with Mr. Danziger as Chairman), each also meets the additional criteria for independence of audit committee members set forth in Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange. For additional information regarding the Audit Committee, see “Audit Committee” below.

### Board Leadership Structure and Role in Risk Oversight

Dov Charney, who serves as both our Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board, leads and provides strategic guidance to the Company's management team, each of whom has experience in the apparel industry. American Apparel's senior officers closely supervise all aspects of the Company's business, in particular the design and production of merchandise, the operation of our stores and our financial reporting function. The Board of Directors has determined that the combination of these roles held singularly by Mr. Charney is in the best interests of all stockholders given that Mr. Charney founded the Company, is considered intimately connected to American Apparel's brand identity and is the principal driving force behind American Apparel's core concepts and designs. The Board believes that it is in the best interests of the Company for the Board to make a determination whether to combine or separate the roles based upon the circumstances. The Board has given careful consideration to separating the roles of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer and has determined that the Company and its stockholders are best served by the current structure. Mr. Charney's combined role promotes unified leadership and direction for the Board and executive management and allows for a single, clear focus for the Company's operational and strategic efforts.

The combined role of Mr. Charney as both Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer is balanced by the Company's governance structure, policies and controls. Six of the seven members of our Board of Directors qualify as independent directors as defined under the applicable listing standards of the NYSE MKT. The Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are each composed entirely of independent directors. The Board has designated Allan Mayer as the Company's lead independent director. In his capacity as the lead independent director, Mr. Mayer is responsible for coordinating the activities of our independent directors; convening at meetings of the Board at which the Chairman of the Board is not present, including executive sessions of the independent directors; facilitating communications between Mr. Charney, as the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, and other members of the Board; reviewing meeting agendas and schedules, as well as board materials, prior to board meetings; and consulting with the Chairman of the Board to assure that appropriate topics are being discussed with sufficient time allocated for each. The Board of Directors currently believes that this structure is in the best interest of the Company as it allows for a balance of power between the Chief Executive Officer and the independent directors and provides an environment in which its independent directors are fully informed, have significant input into the content of Board meeting agendas, and are able to provide objective and thoughtful oversight of management. The Board will continue to consider from time to time whether the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer positions should remain combined based on what the Board believes is best for the Company and its stockholders.

#### Committee Composition

The Board of Directors presently has the following three committees: (1) an Audit Committee, (2) a Compensation Committee and (3) a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Committee membership during the last fiscal year and the functions of each of the committees are described below. Each of the committees operates under a written charter adopted by the Board. All of the Committee charters are available on the Company's website at [www.americanapparel.net/aboutus/investorrelations/](http://www.americanapparel.net/aboutus/investorrelations/).

The Board of Directors held two meetings during fiscal year 2013. The Audit Committee met five times; the Compensation Committee met one time; and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee did not meet. Other than Mr. Chehebar, each director attended, in person or telephonically, at least 75% in the aggregate of (i) the total number of meetings of the Board of Directors held during 2013 and (ii) the total number of meetings held by all committees of the Board of Directors on which he served during 2013. In addition, all of our directors (other than Mr. Chehebar) attended our 2013 Annual Meeting in person or telephonically. The Company expects its directors to attend annual meetings of stockholders and all Board meetings and respective committee meetings and to spend the time needed and to meet as frequently as necessary to properly discharge their responsibilities.

## Current Directors:

Name of Directors	Audit Committee	Compensation Committee	Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee
Independent Directors:			
David Danziger	X	*	
Robert Greene		X	X *
Allan Mayer		X	*
Alberto Chehebar			X
William Mauer	X	X	X (1)
Marvin Igelman	X		
Other Directors:			
Dov Charney, Chairman			

X = Committee Member; \* = Committee Chair

(1) Mr. Mauer was appointed to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee on February 12, 2014.

## Audit Committee

The current members of the Audit Committee are Messrs. Danziger, Igelman and Mauer, with Mr. Danziger as Chairman. The Board has determined that each member of this Committee is an Independent Director.

The Audit Committee's purpose is to provide assistance to the Board in fulfilling its legal and fiduciary obligations with respect to matters involving accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal control and legal compliance functions of the Company. The Committee oversees the audit efforts of the Company's independent accountants and internal auditors and, in that regard, takes such actions as it may deem necessary to satisfy itself that the Company's auditors are independent of management. It is the objective of the Audit Committee to maintain free and open means of communications among the Board, the independent accountants, the internal auditors and the financial and senior management of the Company.

Among other things, the Audit Committee prepares the Audit Committee report for inclusion in the annual proxy statement; annually reviews the Audit Committee Charter and the Audit Committee's performance; appoints, evaluates and determines the compensation of our independent auditors; reviews and approves the scope of the annual audit, the audit fees and the financial statements; reviews our disclosure controls and procedures, internal controls, information security policies, internal audit function, and corporate policies with respect to financial information and earnings guidance; oversees investigations into complaints concerning financial matters; and reviews other risks that may have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements. The Audit Committee has the authority to obtain advice and assistance from, and receive appropriate funding from the Company for, outside legal, accounting and other advisors as the Audit Committee deems necessary to carry out its duties.

The Audit Committee is a separately-designated standing committee, established in accordance with section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78(c)(58)(A)). The Audit Committee at all times is required to be composed exclusively of at least three "independent directors" who are "financially literate" as defined under NYSE MKT listing standards. NYSE MKT listing standards define "financially literate" as being able to read and understand fundamental financial statements, including a company's balance sheet, income statement and statement of cash flows. The Audit Committee is currently composed of three financially literate Independent Directors: Messrs. Danziger,

Igelman and Mauer. In addition, Messrs. Danziger and Mauer qualify to serve as the “financial expert” according to the requirements of SEC Regulation S-K Items 407(d)(5)(ii) and 407(d)(5)(iii).

The report of the current Audit Committee is included in this Proxy Statement. A copy of the current Audit Committee Charter is available on the Company’s website at [www.americanapparel.net/aboutus/investorrelations/](http://www.americanapparel.net/aboutus/investorrelations/).

## Compensation Committee

The current members of the Compensation Committee are Messrs. Greene, Mayer and Mauer, with Mr. Mayer as Chairman. The Board has determined that each member of this Committee is an Independent Director.

The Compensation Committee is responsible for overseeing the Company's compensation and employee benefit plans and practices, including the executive compensation plans and the incentive-compensation and equity-based plans. The Compensation Committee reviews and approves the general compensation policies of the Company, oversees the administration of all of the Company's compensation and benefit plans, reviews and approves compensation of the executive officers of the Company, prepares the Compensation Committee Report to be filed with the SEC and recommends compensation policies to the Board. For more information, see "Processes and Procedures for Determination of Executive and Director Compensation" below and the current copy of the Compensation Committee Charter, which is available on the Company's website at [www.americanapparel.net/aboutus/investorrelations/](http://www.americanapparel.net/aboutus/investorrelations/).

## Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The current members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are Messrs. Greene, Chehebar and Mauer, with Mr. Greene as Chairman. The Board has determined that each member of this committee is an Independent Director.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee assists the Board in identifying and recommending individuals qualified to serve as directors. Subject to Lion's right to designate up to two persons to the Board of Directors pursuant to the Investment Agreement and the agreement of Lion to vote for Mr. Charney, and the agreement of Mr. Charney to vote for the Lion designees, pursuant to the 2009 Investment Voting Agreement, consistent with criteria approved by the Board (as described below under "Consideration of Director Nominees"), the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will select, or recommend that the Board select, the director nominees required for each subsequent annual meeting of stockholders. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider persons identified by its members, management, stockholders and others as nominees.

The guidelines for selecting nominees, which are specified in the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee's current charter, generally provide that persons to be nominated should be evaluated with respect to their experience, skills, expertise, diversity, personal and professional integrity, character, business judgment, time availability in light of other commitments, dedication, conflicts of interest and such other relevant factors that the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers appropriate in the context of the needs of the Board. Additionally, the guidelines provide that the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee should consider whether candidates are independent pursuant to NYSE MKT requirements; accomplished in their fields and maintain a reputation, both personal and professional, consistent with the image and reputation of the Company; able to read and understand financial statements; knowledgeable as to the Company and issues affecting it; committed to enhancing stockholder value; able to understand fully the legal responsibilities of a director and the governance processes of a public company; able to develop a good working relationship with other Board members and senior management; and able to suggest business opportunities to the Company. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will evaluate each individual in the context of the Board as a whole, with the objective of recommending a group of persons that reflects the appropriate balance of knowledge, experience, skills, expertise and diversity and includes at least the minimum number of independent directors required by the NYSE MKT. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will not distinguish among nominees recommended by stockholders and nominees recommended by other persons.

In addition to the responsibilities described above, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee currently develops and recommends to the Board a set of corporate governance principles for the Company, oversees the

evaluation of the Company's management and the Board, and makes recommendations to the Board regarding the size and composition of committees of the Board, including identifying individuals qualified to serve as members of each committee. A copy of the current Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter is available on the Company's website at [www.americanapparel.net/aboutus/investorrelations/](http://www.americanapparel.net/aboutus/investorrelations/). For more information, see "Consideration of Director Nominees" below.

## Consideration of Director Nominees

### Stockholder Nominees

Stockholders of the Company may make recommendations to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of candidates for nomination as directors of the Company or may nominate a person directly for election to the Board, in each case subject to compliance with the procedures described below and further set forth in the charter of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and in the Bylaws, as the case may be.

However, pursuant to the Investment Agreement (described under “Certain Relationships and Related Transactions” herein), Lion currently has the right to designate up to two persons to the Board of Directors and a board observer, subject to maintaining certain minimum ownership thresholds of shares issuable under the “Lion Warrants” described under “Certain Relationships and Related Transactions” herein. Pursuant to the 2009 Investment Voting Agreement (described under “Certain Relationships and Related Transactions” herein), for so long as Lion has the right to designate any person or persons to the Board of Directors, Mr. Charney has agreed to vote his shares of Common Stock in favor of Lion’s designees, subject to maintaining a certain minimum ownership threshold, and Lion has agreed to vote its shares of Common Stock in favor of Mr. Charney, subject to termination upon the occurrence of certain events.

**Stockholder Recommendations of Nominees.** The policy of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is to consider properly submitted stockholder recommendations of candidates for election to the Board as described below under “Identifying and Evaluating Nominees for Directors.” The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will evaluate a prospective nominee recommended by any stockholder in the same manner and against the same criteria as any other prospective nominee identified by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee from any other source.

In evaluating recommendations from stockholders, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will seek to achieve a balance of knowledge, experience and capability on the Board and to address the membership criteria set forth under “Director Qualifications” below.

A stockholder recommendation of a candidate for election to the Board must be in writing and must be received by the Company not later than 30 days after the end of the Company’s fiscal year. The recommendation must contain the following information and documentation:

- the candidate’s name, age, business and current residence addresses, as well as residence addresses for the past 20 years, principal occupation or employment and employment history (name and address of employer and job title) for the past 10 years and educational background;
  - the candidate’s permission for the Company to conduct a background investigation;
  - the number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by the candidate;
- the information that would be required to be disclosed about the candidate under the rules of the Exchange Act in a proxy statement soliciting proxies for the election of such candidate as a director; and
  - a signed consent of the candidate to serve as a director of the Company, if elected.

Stockholder recommendations for candidates for membership on the Board of Directors should be addressed to:

American Apparel, Inc.  
Attention: Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee  
747 Warehouse Street  
Los Angeles, California 90021



Stockholder Nominations of Directors. A stockholder that instead desires to nominate a person directly for election to the Board at an annual meeting of stockholders must comply with the advance notice procedures of the Bylaws and attend the annual meeting of stockholders to make the necessary motion. Nominations of persons for election to the Board at a meeting of stockholders may be made at such meeting by any stockholder of the Company entitled to vote for the election of directors at the meeting who complies with the notice procedures set forth in the Bylaws and described below.

Such nominations by any stockholder must be made pursuant to timely notice in writing to the Secretary of the Company. To be timely, a stockholder's notice must be delivered to or mailed and received at the principal executive offices of the Company not less than 60 days nor more than 90 days prior to the meeting. In the event that less than 70 days' notice or prior public disclosure of the date of the meeting is given or made to stockholders, notice by the stockholder, to be timely, must be received no later than the close of business on the tenth day following the day on which such notice of the date of the meeting was mailed or such public disclosure was made, whichever first occurs.

Such stockholder's notice to the Secretary must set forth:

- as to each person whom the stockholder proposes to nominate for election or reelection as a director, (a) the name, age, business address and residence address of the person, (b) the principal occupation or employment of the person, (c) the class and number of shares of capital stock of the Company which are beneficially owned by the person, and (d) any other information relating to the person that is required to be disclosed in solicitations for proxies for election of directors pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC under Section 14 of the Exchange Act; and
- as to the stockholder giving the notice (a) the name and record address of the stockholder and (b) the class and number of shares of capital stock of the Company which are beneficially owned by the stockholder.

The Company may require any proposed nominee to furnish such other information as may reasonably be required by the Company to determine the eligibility of such proposed nominee to serve as a director of the Company. No person nominated by a stockholder will be eligible for election as a director of the Company unless nominated in accordance with the procedures set forth above. The officer of the Company presiding at an annual meeting shall, if the facts warrant, determine and declare to the meeting that a nomination was not made in accordance with the foregoing procedure, and if he or she should so determine, he or she shall so declare to the meeting and the defective nomination shall be disregarded.

#### Director Qualifications

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has the responsibility to review the background and qualifications of individuals being considered as director candidates, including developing criteria and qualifications for membership on the Board. Among the qualifications considered in the selection of candidates, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee shall consider each candidate's experience, skills, expertise, diversity, personal and professional integrity, character, business judgment, time availability in light of other commitments, dedication, conflicts of interest and such other relevant factors that the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers appropriate in the context of the needs of the Board.

Additionally, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers whether the candidate is:

- independent pursuant to NYSE MKT requirements;
- accomplished in his or her field and maintained a reputation, both personal and professional, consistent with the image and reputation of the Company;
- able to read and understand financial statements (the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will also determine if a candidate qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert," as defined by the SEC);
  - knowledgeable as to the Company and issues affecting the Company;
  - committed to enhancing stockholder value;
- able to understand fully the legal responsibilities of a director and the governance processes of a public company;
  - able to develop a good working relationship with other Board members and senior management; and
  - able to suggest business opportunities to the Company.



## Identifying and Evaluating Nominees for Directors

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee annually reviews the composition of the Board and reviews the suitability for continued service as a director of each Board member when his or her term expires and when he or she has a change in status, including but not limited to an employment change, and to recommend whether or not the director should be re-nominated. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also recommends to the Board the nominees, consistent with the criteria for selecting directors established by the Board or the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, for election as directors by the stockholders or appointment by the Board, as the case may be, pursuant to the Bylaws of the Company.

## Executive Sessions

Executive sessions of non-management directors are expected to be held on a regular basis. Any non-management director can request that an additional executive session be scheduled.

## Communications with the Board

You may communicate with the Board by submitting an e-mail to the Board at [bod@americanapparel.net](mailto:bod@americanapparel.net). All directors have access to this e-mail address.

## Governance Guidelines and Committee Charters

The Company's Governance Guidelines, which satisfy NYSE MKT listing standards for "corporate governance guidelines," as well as the charters for each of the committees of the Board, are available at [www.americanapparel.net/aboutus/investorrelations/](http://www.americanapparel.net/aboutus/investorrelations/). Stockholders may request a copy of the Company's Governance Guidelines or the charter of any of the committees of the Board, at no cost, by writing to us at the following address: American Apparel, Inc., Attn: General Counsel, 747 Warehouse Street, Los Angeles, California 90021.

## Code of Ethics

The policies comprising our code of ethics are set forth in the Company's Code of Ethics (the "Code of Ethics") (included as Exhibit 14.1 of the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-32697) filed December 18, 2007). These policies satisfy the SEC's requirements for a "code of ethics," and apply to all directors, officers (including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer or controller) and employees. The Code of Ethics is also published on our website at [www.americanapparel.net/aboutus/investorrelations/](http://www.americanapparel.net/aboutus/investorrelations/). Stockholders may request a copy of the Code of Ethics, at no cost, by writing to us at the following address: American Apparel, Inc., Attn: General Counsel, 747 Warehouse Street, Los Angeles, California 90021.

## Indemnification of Directors

The General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware provides that a company may indemnify its directors and officers as to certain liabilities. The Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws provide for the indemnification of its directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by law, and the Company has entered into separate indemnification agreements with certain directors and officers to effectuate these provisions and has purchased directors' and officers' liability insurance. The effect of such provisions is to indemnify, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the directors and officers of the Company against all costs, expenses and liabilities incurred by them in connection with any action, suit or proceeding in which they are involved by reason of their affiliation with the Company.



## PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINATION OF EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the compensation and employee benefit plans and practices of the Company. The Compensation Committee reviews and approves, either as a committee or together with the other independent directors, the general compensation policies of the Company, oversees the administration of all of the Company's compensation and benefit plans and reviews and approves, either as a committee or together with the other independent directors, compensation of the executive officers of the Company. The Compensation Committee Charter requires that each member of the committee satisfy all applicable requirements then in effect of the NYSE MKT and any other stock exchange or national securities association on which the Company's securities are listed or quoted and any other applicable regulatory requirement relating to director independence, nomination and size of the Compensation Committee and that the Compensation Committee consist of no fewer than two Board members who qualify as "non-employee directors" within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act and "outside directors" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Compensation Committee consists of three Board members, each of whom the Board has affirmatively determined satisfied these independence requirements.

The Compensation Committee Charter sets forth the purpose of and other matters pertaining to the Compensation Committee. The form of the current Compensation Committee Charter is available on the Company's website at [www.americanapparel.net/aboutus/investorrelations/](http://www.americanapparel.net/aboutus/investorrelations/).

Pursuant to its Charter, the Compensation Committee's responsibilities include the following:

- review and approve, either as a committee or together with the other independent directors, the corporate goals and objectives relevant to the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers of the Company;
- evaluate, either as a committee or together with the other independent directors, the Chief Executive Officer's performance in light of such goals and objectives;
- set, either as a committee or together with the other independent directors, executive officers' compensation levels, including base salary, annual incentive opportunities, long-term incentive opportunities and benefits;
- review and approve, either as a committee or together with the other independent directors, any employment contracts or related agreements, such as severance or termination arrangements, to be made with any executive officer of the Company;
- review and recommend to the Board appropriate director compensation programs and, either as a committee or together with the other independent directors, review and approve perquisites or other personal benefits to directors and recommend any changes to the Board;
  - review its own performance and assess the adequacy of its Charter;
- review and approve the goals and objectives of and the plans underlying the Company's general compensation and other employee benefit programs, including incentive-compensation and equity-based programs;
- retain (after taking into consideration all factors relevant to that person's independence from management) and terminate any compensation consultant used to assist in the evaluation of officer compensation, including to approve the consultant's fees and other retention terms;
- review and discuss with management the Company's Compensation Discussion and Analysis to be included in the Company's annual proxy statement;
- review and recommend for approval by the Board, or approve, the frequency with which the Company should submit to the stockholders an advisory vote on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, taking into account any prior stockholder advisory vote on the frequency with which the Company shall hold a stockholder advisory vote on compensation of the Company's named executive officers;

- review the results of any stockholder advisory vote on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers and consider whether to make any adjustments to the Company's executive compensation policies and practices; and
- produce a report of the Compensation Committee to be included in the Company's annual proxy statement.

## COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

Compensation for non-employee directors will consist of annual stock grants and Board and Committee meeting fees, as described below. Employees who are also directors will receive no additional compensation for their Board service.

## DIRECTOR COMPENSATION—FISCAL 2013

During 2013, our non-employee directors received a total of \$542,000 in Board and Committee retainers and meeting fees, paid to Messrs. Chehebar, Danziger, Igelman, Greene, Mauer and Mayer for their participation in Board, Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee meetings held during 2013.

Pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2011 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan, our non-employee directors each received the cash payments and fully vested stock grants as described below for their Board service.

Each non-employee director receives compensation for their service totaling \$80,000, to be paid in four equal installments quarterly in arrears, for service by such director during such quarter, on each of March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 (or if such day is not a business day, on the next succeeding business day) (each, a “Quarterly Award Date”), payable, at the option of each director individually, either (i) entirely in shares of Common Stock or (ii) half in Common Stock and half in cash at the time of such grant. Any such grants of stock will be of that number of shares, rounded down to the nearest whole share, having an aggregate value equal to the value of the award (either \$10,000 or \$20,000) based on a per-share price equal to the greater of (x) the average of the high and low sale prices of the Common Stock on the NYSE MKT on the Quarterly Award Date (or the next business day if such date is not a business day) and (y) the last sale price of the Common Stock on the Quarterly Award Date (or the next business day if such date is not a business day). In 2013, each of our independent directors elected to receive the quarterly fee half in Common Stock and half in cash. The number of shares of Common Stock awarded on the quarterly awards dates of April 1, July 1, October 1 and were 4,761, 5,319 and 7,843 respectively, and 8,264 shares were awarded on January 2, 2014 in respect of service during the quarter ended December 31, 2013.

The table below summarizes the compensation provided by the Company to non-employee directors for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013:

	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards \$(1)	Option Awards (\$)	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Delivered Compensation Earnings (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Independent Non-Employee Directors							
Alberto Chehebar	40,000	40,000	—	—	—	—	80,000
David Danziger	57,000	40,000	—	—	—	—	97,000
Robert Greene	49,500	40,000	—	—	—	—	89,500
Marvin Igelman	47,000	40,000	—	—	—	—	87,000
William Mauer	48,000	40,000	—	—	—	—	88,000
Allan Mayer	60,500	40,000	—	—	—	—	105,000



All Non-Employee Directors	302,000	240,000	—	—	—	—	542,000
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(1) Represents the aggregate grant date fair value, computed in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 718, of stock awards.

## Annual Stock Awards and Meeting Fees

The following table sets forth the schedule of annual stock grants and meeting fees for non-employee directors in effect during 2013:

Type of Fee	Dollar Amount
Maximum Annual Value of Quarterly Stock Awards	\$80,000
Minimum Annual Value of Quarterly Stock Awards	\$40,000
Maximum Annual Cash Portion of Quarterly Awards	\$40,000
Quarterly Retainer—Lead Independent Director	\$2,500
Quarterly Retainer—Chairman of Audit Committee	\$2,500
Quarterly Retainer—Chairman of Compensation Committee	\$1,875
Quarterly Retainer—Chairman of Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee	\$1,625
Independent Director Meeting Fee	\$1,000

Each non-employee director received \$80,000 total annual awards of cash and stock in respect of service on the Board and as Committee members and is also reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses, including travel expenses, incurred serving as a director. In addition, the lead independent director and the chairman of each committee receive retainers in the amounts indicated in the table above, and each independent director receives a \$1,000 per meeting fee.

## COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section contains a discussion of the material elements of compensation awarded to, earned by or paid to the principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the Company and our three other most highly compensated individuals who were serving as executive officers as of December 31, 2013.

During 2013, Dov Charney served as the Company's Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. John J. Luttrell served as the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Our three other most highly compensated executive officers during 2013 who were serving as of December 31, 2013 were Martin Bailey, Glenn A. Weinman and Adrian Taylor. These individuals are referred to as the "Named Officers" herein.

The Company's current executive compensation programs are determined and approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board. None of the Named Officers are members of the Compensation Committee. Dov Charney, our Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board, in consultation with the other Named Officers, recommends to the Compensation Committee salary, cash incentive awards, equity-based awards and long-term compensation levels for executive officers, including the Named Officers. Our Chief Financial Officer provides the Compensation Committee with documents used by the committee in the determination of executive compensation.

### Executive Compensation Program Objectives and Overview

It is the Company's intent that its executive compensation programs achieve three fundamental objectives:

- **Competitive Compensation.** The Company should provide competitive compensation opportunities so that it can attract, motivate and retain qualified executive officers.
- **Pay for Performance; Hold Executives Accountable.** A substantial portion of compensation should be tied to the performance of the Company (and/or relevant department or segment) and individual performance.
- **Alignment of Executive Incentives with Stockholder Interests.** A substantial portion of compensation should be contingent on the Company's performance. As an executive officer's level of responsibility increases, a greater portion of the officer's total compensation should be dependent on the Company's performance.

As described in more detail below, the material elements of our executive compensation program will generally include, at the discretion of the Compensation Committee, some or a mix of the following: a base salary, an annual cash incentive bonus opportunity, and a performance equity plan component. The base salary is the element of our current executive compensation program with respect to which the value of the benefit in any given year is generally not variable. We believe that in order to attract, motivate and retain top-caliber executive officers, we need to provide executive officers with predictable compensation amounts that reward the executive officer's continued service. The base salaries are paid out on a short-term or current basis. We anticipate that any bonus awarded in any given year will depend on the performance of the individual and the performance of the Company. Any bonuses would generally be paid out on a short-term basis, such as at year end or upon completion of significant projects. Performance equity awards would generally be made on a longer-term basis. We believe that a mix of longer-term benefits, geared toward retention of executives, and short-term benefits, focused on recruitment, will allow us to achieve our dual goals of attracting and retaining executive officers.

Our cash incentive bonus opportunity is a compensation mechanism used to hold executive officers accountable by directly linking performance to compensation. We believe the ability to reward excellence and pass along the consequences of poor performance aligns our executive officers' interests with those of our stockholders and helps us to attract, motivate and retain executive officers. Our performance equity incentives also align our executive officers' interests with those of our stockholders, helping the Company to hold executive officers accountable for performance and to motivate and retain high-performing executive officers.

These compensation elements are intended to create a total compensation package for each executive officer that we believe will achieve our compensation objectives, providing competitive compensation opportunities that reward performance and align executives' incentives with the interests of stockholders.

The Compensation Committee also considers the results of competitive analyses such as the PM&P analyses described below when evaluating and establishing compensation opportunities for the Named Officers.

The Company has employment agreements with Dov Charney, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, John J. Luttrell, the Company's current Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and Glenn A. Weinman, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary. For a more complete description of current employment agreements with the Named Officers, see "Description of Employment Agreements" below.

Our Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board, in consultation with the other Named Officers (as defined under "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" below), recommends to the Compensation Committee salary, annual bonus, equity-based awards and long-term compensation levels for other executive officers, including the Named Officers. While the Compensation Committee reviews and makes recommendations regarding compensation paid to the non-employee directors, the compensation for these directors is determined by the Board.

Equity awards to all officers subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act are made by the Compensation Committee. As indicated above, pursuant to its charter, the Compensation Committee is authorized to retain and terminate any compensation consultant engaged to assist in the evaluation of the compensation of our officers (including all of the Named Officers).

In 2012 and 2013, the Compensation Committee retained PM&P as its compensation consultant to assist in the development and evaluation of compensation policies, practices and awards. Specifically, PM&P was engaged to conduct a competitive review of executive compensation for the CEO and Named Officers, and to assist in reviewing our annual incentive plan and long-term equity incentive program to reward and retain key executives and managers.

While PM&P was engaged by and reports directly to the Compensation Committee, PM&P interacts with our management when appropriate to gather perspectives and relevant company and compensation data. In addition, PM&P may seek feedback from the Compensation Committee Chairman, other members of the Compensation Committee or Board, or the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board regarding its work prior to presenting study results or recommendations to the Compensation Committee.

PM&P has attended or participated in certain Compensation Committee meetings and provided third-party data, advice and expertise on proposed executive compensation levels, programs and plan designs. The Compensation Committee may also ask PM&P to review and provide advice related to proposals prepared by management, including evaluating the consistency of such proposals with the Compensation Committee's compensation philosophy and in comparison to programs at other companies.

Specifically, in October 2011 PM&P conducted a competitive review of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) total direct compensation (sum of base salary, annual bonus and long-term incentive/equity grant values) and share ownership levels among a Peer Group of 16 companies in the apparel manufacturing and retail industry. The Peer Group for the 2011 analysis was similar to that used in previous analyses for the Company, and included:

- Aeropostale, Inc.
- Bebe Stores, Inc.
  - Coach, Inc.
  - Crocs, Inc.
  - Delias, Inc.
- Delta Apparel, Inc.
- Gildan Activewear Inc.
  - Guess, Inc.

- Kenneth Cole Productions
- Lululemon Athletica Inc.
- Polo Ralph Lauren Corp.
- True Religion Apparel, Inc.
  - Under Armour, Inc.
  - Urban Outfitters, Inc.
    - Volcom, Inc.
    - Zumiez, Inc.

The median (50th percentile) 2010/2011 revenue size of the Peer Group companies was \$751 million, generally comparable to the Company's \$533 million in revenue at the time. The results of the review indicated that actual total direct compensation for our CEO and Chairman was below the 25th percentile of the Peer Group, due primarily to the absence of equity grants to our CEO and Chairman historically. As a follow-up to the review, in November 2011 PM&P summarized potential CEO equity grant alternatives for the Company to consider. On December 15, 2011 the Compensation Committee considered the results of the review and summary of equity grant alternatives when reviewing the proposed new employment agreement and proposed 2012 equity grant for the CEO and Chairman.

In February 2012 at the Compensation Committee's request, PM&P conducted a similar analysis of total direct compensation for the balance of the Company's Named Officers. In this case, a blend of general industry, retail/wholesale trade and non-durable goods manufacturing compensation survey data were utilized to develop estimated market total direct compensation levels for the Named Officers. While the results of the analysis varied by position, the analysis generally indicated that the base salaries and target bonus opportunities for most of the Named Officers were above the 50th percentile of market, while annualized equity grant values were below the 50th percentile. The Compensation Committee considered the results of this analysis when determining 2012 compensation opportunities and equity grants for the Named Officers.

In March 2013, PM&P conducted an analysis of the Company's overall equity plan dilution and annual share utilization ("burn rate") relative to its Peer Group. The results of the analysis indicated that the Company was roughly at the median of the Peer Group in terms of overall plan dilution (shares available and outstanding grants) and annual burn rate for the most recent year. PM&P also assisted the Compensation Committee in annual bonus and equity grant determinations for the Named Officers.

The Compensation Committee has assessed the independence of PM&P pursuant to SEC rules and concluded that there are no conflict of interest issues.

#### Current Executive Compensation Program Elements

##### Base Salaries

The Compensation Committee reviews and approves base salaries for executive officers, including Named Officers, annually and in connection with promotions or other changes in responsibilities. The Compensation Committee generally reviews the base salaries for each executive officer in the first quarter of each year to set salaries, and considers market data, individual compensation history, pay in relation to other executive officers at the Company, tax deductibility, individual job performance and future potential, as well as evaluations and recommendations by senior management in determining base salary. The weight given to each of these factors may differ from individual to individual, as the Compensation Committee deems appropriate.

##### Annual Bonus Awards

The Compensation Committee has the authority to set annual bonus targets and performance criteria under the Company's 2011 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan and believes that this annual bonus program is an important part of creating an incentive for the Company's executives to achieve specific goals across various measures of performance. For the performance period beginning on January 1, 2013 and ending on December 31, 2013, the Named Officers were eligible to achieve bonuses based on various weightings of Sales, EBITDA, Debt, Inventory and Cost Per Piece, as well as a discretionary portion. The total target bonus as a percentage of base salary was 150% for Mr. Charney, 75% for Messrs. Luttrell, Weinman and Bailey, and 50% for Mr. Taylor. The total annual incentive payments with respect to 2013 set forth in the Summary Compensation Table reflect the Compensation Committee's determination of the achievement of these various components, and the total annual bonus paid to each executive as a percentage of

base salary was 26%, 11%, 11%, 12% and 11% respectively.



### Long-Term Equity Incentive Awards

The Compensation Committee has the authority to grant stock options, restricted stock and other awards to executive officers under the Company's 2011 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan.

On March 8, 2013, the Compensation Committee approved grants to Messrs. Luttrell, Weinman and Taylor of 270,000, 60,000 and 40,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock, respectively, with each award vesting as to one-third of the shares on each of March 1, 2014, 2015 and 2016. The Compensation Committee believes that these grants will serve to further align the interests of the Company's executives and the Company's stockholders.

As set forth in the employment agreement with Mr. Charney, which is described in more detail below in the Section entitled "Compensation of Named Executive Officers—Description of Employment Agreements," Mr. Charney was to become eligible to be granted shares of Common Stock of the Company subject to the Company's achievement of specific EBITDA targets in 2013. On March 8, 2013, the Compensation Committee of the Board determined that the EBITDA target for 2012 had been achieved, and that Mr. Charney would thus be granted 2,500,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock on or prior to December 31, 2013. On March 12, 2014, the Compensation Committee of the Board determined that the EBITDA target for 2013 had not been achieved, and that Mr. Charney would not receive the EBITDA award of shares of the Company's Common Stock under his employment agreement for fiscal year 2013.

### Severance and Other Benefits Upon Termination of Employment

In order to support our compensation objectives of attracting, retaining and motivating qualified executive officers, we believe that, in certain cases, we may decide to provide executive officers with severance protections upon certain types of termination. These severance protections are negotiated on an individual basis. American Apparel has not entered into any change in control agreements. The Company has entered into severance arrangements with Dov Charney, John J. Luttrell, and Glenn A. Weinman.

For a more complete description of current employment agreements with the Named Officers, see "Description of Employment Agreements" below.

### Option Grant Practices and Policies

The Compensation Committee may, from time to time, grant stock options under the Company's 2011 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan, as determined by the Compensation Committee.

### Section 162(m) Policy

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code disallows a tax deduction to publicly-held companies for compensation paid to certain executive officers, to the extent that compensation exceeds \$1 million per officer in any year. The limitation applies only to compensation which is not considered to be performance-based. The Compensation Committee intends to consider the anticipated tax treatment to the Company and our executive officers when reviewing executive compensation and our compensation programs.

While the tax impact of any compensation arrangement is one factor to be considered, such impact is evaluated in light of the Compensation Committee's overall compensation philosophy. The Compensation Committee will consider ways to maximize the deductibility of executive compensation, while retaining the discretion it deems necessary to compensate officers in a manner commensurate with performance and the competitive environment for executive talent. From time to time, the Compensation Committee may award compensation to our executive officers which is

not fully deductible, if it determines that such award is consistent with its philosophy and is in our and our stockholders' best interests.

The Compensation Committee considers, in establishing and reviewing our executive compensation program, whether the program encourages unnecessary or excessive risk taking and has concluded that it does not. Base salaries are fixed in amount and thus do not encourage risk taking. While our annual bonus plan focuses on achievement of short-term or annual goals, and short-term goals may encourage the taking of short-term risks at the expense of long-term results, executives' annual bonuses are determined using multiple performance criteria and are subject to reduction by the Compensation Committee based on the executive's individual performance. The Compensation Committee believes that the annual bonus plan appropriately balances risk and the desire to focus executives on specific short-term goals important to the Company's success, and that it does not encourage unnecessary or excessive risk taking. The Compensation Committee believes that our current executive compensation program provides an appropriate balance between the goals of increasing the price of the Company's Common Stock and avoiding risks that could threaten our growth and stability. In addition, it is intended to be the practice of the Compensation Committee to grant executive officers a mixture of stock options and restricted stock as described above. The Compensation Committee believes that such awards would not encourage unnecessary or excessive risk taking since the ultimate value of the awards would be tied to the Company's stock price, and since grants are subject to long-term vesting schedules to help ensure that executives always have significant value tied to long-term stock price performance.

#### Stockholder Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation

The Company's 2011 proxy statement included an advisory vote on executive compensation (Proposal 4) and an advisory vote on the frequency of an advisory vote on executive compensation (Proposal 5). The results of these advisory votes were included in the results of voting at the Company's 2011 Annual Meeting, as reported in Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 27, 2011. Stockholders voted for the approval of the Company's executive compensation by a vote of 46,305,428 for to 4,757,266 against with 38,780 abstaining and 13,124,449 broker non-votes. The votes cast with respect to the frequency of an advisory vote on executive compensation were 44,151,550 for a vote every three years, 1,966,307 for every two years, 4,899,164 for a vote each year, 84,453 abstaining and 13,124,449 broker non-votes. The Compensation Committee considered the results of these advisory votes in determining to recommend to the Board that a stockholder advisory vote on executive compensation be held every three years and in evaluating the extent to which the Company's executive compensation programs are effective at achieving the goals of the Compensation Committee and the Board. The Company has included in this proxy statement an advisory proposal (Proposal 3) to approve the compensation of our named executive officers as described in this proxy statement. The next stockholder advisory votes on executive compensation and on the frequency of the stockholder advisory votes on executive compensation will be included in the Company's 2017 Proxy Statement.

## COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The Compensation Committee has certain duties and powers as described in its Charter. The Compensation Committee is currently composed of the three non-employee directors named at the end of this Compensation Committee Report, each of whom is independent as defined by NYSE MKT listing standards.

The Compensation Committee of the Company has reviewed and discussed with management the Compensation Discussion and Analysis required by Item 402(b) of Regulation S-K of the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and, based on such review and discussions, the Compensation Committee has recommended to our Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section be included in this Proxy Statement for the 2014 Annual Meeting, as filed with the SEC.

By the Compensation Committee,

Allan Mayer (Chairman)

Robert Greene

William Mauer

#### COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION

During the year ended December 31, 2013, Robert Greene, Allan Mayer and William Mauer served as members of the Compensation Committee, and during that period no current member of the Compensation Committee was an officer or employee of the Company, formerly an officer of the Company or had any relationships requiring disclosure by the Company under the SEC's rules requiring disclosure of certain relationships and related-party transactions. None of the Company's executive officers served as a director or a member of a compensation committee (or other committee serving an equivalent function) of any other entity whose executive officers served as a director or member of the Company's Compensation Committee during the year ended December 31, 2013.

## SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table presents information regarding compensation of our Named Officers for services rendered during 2013, 2012 and 2011.

Name and Principal Position (a)	Year (b)	Salary (\$) (c)	Bonus (\$)(1) (d)	Stock Awards (\$) (e)	Option Awards (\$) (f)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation Earnings (\$)(2) (g)	Change in Pension value and Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)(h)	All Other Compensation (\$)(3) (i)	Total (j)
Dov Charney, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer	2013	832,000	—	—	—	216,234	—	17,210 (6)	1,065,444
	2012	800,000	—	12,479,003 (4)	—	1,199,655	—	17,210 (6)	14,495,868
	2011	750,000	—	10,085,176 (5)	—	753,758	—	17,210 (6)	11,606,144
John J. Luttrell, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer(7)	2013	432,640	—	480,600	—	47,546	—	—	960,786
	2012	416,000	—	56,250	—	332,621	—	—	804,871
	2011	354,820	—	276,500 (8)	401,240 (8)	202,600 (9)	—	—	1,235,160
Martin Bailey Chief Manufacturing Officer	2013	324,380	—	—	—	40,000	—	40,167 (11)	404,547
	2012	312,000	—	—	—	249,465	—	42,700 (11)	604,165
	2011	300,000	—	—	—	160,981	—	49,094 (11)	510,075
Glenn A. Weinman, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary; Executive Vice President, Real Estate	2013	405,600	—	106,800	—	44,574	—	16,167	573,141
	2012	390,000	—	295,000	—	311,832	—	—	996,832
	2011	375,000	—	—	—	188,380	—	—	563,380
Adrian Taylor	2013	238,160	—	71,200	—	26,173	—	—	335,533
	2012	228,800	—	30,000	—	140,164	—	—	398,964

Vice President, Corporate Controller	2011	218,665	—	—	—	70,123	—	—	288,788
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- (1) Includes bonuses earned in the year indicated, regardless of when paid.
- (2) Includes incentive plan compensation award amounts approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors for 2013 which have been paid or will be paid prior to the end of 2014.
- (3) Except as otherwise set forth below, amounts of perquisites and other personal benefits are less than \$10,000 and accordingly are omitted.

- (4) Includes the right to be granted 7,500,000 shares upon the achievement of certain performance hurdles, as set forth in Mr. Charney's 2012 employment agreement as well as additional expense associated with the October 2012 amendment to Mr. Charney's anti-dilution rights granted under a purchase agreement, dated April 27, 2011 (as amended, the "Charney Purchase Agreement" and such rights, the "Charney Anti-Dilution Provision"), by and between the Company and Mr. Charney. As of the Record Date, Mr. Charney no longer had the right to receive (i) 2,500,000 shares pursuant to his employment agreement and (ii) one-third of the shares that may be granted pursuant to the Charney Anti-Dilution Provision of the Charney Purchase Agreement, although these shares are included in the chart above pursuant to SEC rules.
- (5) Represents the grant date fair value of Mr. Charney's anti-dilution rights granted under the Charney Purchase Agreement, as further described in Note 13 to the Company's audited consolidated financial statements included in the Annual Report.
- (6) Personal benefits include \$17,210 in life insurance premiums paid on policies held by Mr. Charney. The face value of these policies is \$25.0 million.
- (7) On February 7, 2011, John J. Luttrell joined the Company as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.
- (8) Represents the aggregate grant date fair value, computed in accordance with ASC 718, of stock awards and stock options granted in fiscal year 2011. Assumptions used in the calculation of stock option grant date fair values are further described in Note 9 to the Company's audited consolidated financial statements included in the Annual Report.
- (9) Includes \$25,000 bonus earned and paid during 2011 for the achievement of certain goals as established in Mr. Luttrell's employment agreement.
- (10) Represents tax gross-up related to the 20% vested portion of November 26, 2010 RSAs.
- (11) For 2011, Mr. Bailey's personal benefits include \$9,600 for payment of the executive officer's share of the Company's health insurance premium, \$15,500 vehicle allowance and \$24,000 in life insurance premiums paid on policies held by Mr. Bailey. The face value of these policies is \$2.0 million. For 2012, the benefit amount included \$14,700 for payment of the executive officer's share of the Company's health insurance premium, \$4,000 for the vehicle allowance and \$24,000 for the life insurance policies. For 2013, Mr. Bailey's personal benefits include 16,167 for payment of the executive officer's share of the Company's health insurance premium and \$24,000 for the life insurance policies.

#### Compensation of Named Officers

The "Summary Compensation Table" above quantifies the value of the different forms of compensation earned by or awarded to our Named Officers in 2013, 2012 and 2011. The primary elements of each Named Officer's total compensation reported in the table are base salary, bonuses, and the other benefits listed in Column (i) of the "Summary Compensation Table," as further described in the footnotes to the table identified therein.

The "Summary Compensation Table" should be read in conjunction with the narrative descriptions that follow. A description of the material terms of the employment agreements currently in force with respect to Named Officers is provided immediately following this paragraph.

#### Description of Employment Agreements



The following are descriptions of the terms of the employment agreements with Dov Charney, John J. Luttrell and Glenn A. Weinman, our only Named Officers with employment agreements.

Dov Charney, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

The Company and Dov Charney are parties to an employment agreement effective as of April 1, 2012, pursuant to which Mr. Charney will serve as the Company's Chief Executive Officer for a term ending on March 31, 2015. This term will automatically extend for successive one-year periods unless either party provides written notice of non-renewal.

Mr. Charney's employment agreement provides that: (i) Mr. Charney will receive a base salary of \$800,000 per year, which shall be subject to review by the Board of Directors at least annually, and may be subject to increase based on such review; (ii) subject to certain conditions, Mr. Charney may be entitled to receive a target annual bonus of 150% of his base salary; and (iii) subject to the Company's achievement of specific EBITDA targets in 2012, 2013 and 2014, Mr. Charney may be entitled to the right to be granted an aggregate total of up to 7,500,000 shares of Common Stock of the Company. In 2013, Mr. Charney received 2,500,000 shares of Common Stock for the achievement of the EBITDA target for 2012. Mr. Charney's employment agreement also provides that he is eligible to participate in the Company's employee benefit plans (including, without limitation, those plans covering pension and profit sharing, executive bonuses, stock purchases, stock options, life, health and dental insurance, vacation benefits and reimbursement of reasonable and necessary business expenses). See "Potential for Payments Upon Termination or Change of Control" for additional information regarding Mr. Charney's employment agreement.

John J. Luttrell, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

In February 2011, John J. Luttrell joined the Company as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. In connection with Mr. Luttrell's appointment as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, the Company and Mr. Luttrell entered into an employment agreement pursuant to which Mr. Luttrell served as the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for an initial term of one year, commencing on February 7, 2011, which term automatically extends for successive one-year periods as of each February 7 unless terminated by the Company on at least 90 days written notice prior to the expiration of the then-current term. Mr. Luttrell's employment agreement provides that he will receive a minimum base salary of \$400,000 per year, subject to increase based on the annual review of the Compensation Committee. Mr. Luttrell's employment agreement also provides that he was entitled to a bonus of up to \$25,000 for achieving certain specified goals in 2011. In addition, commencing with fiscal year 2011, Mr. Luttrell has been eligible to receive an annual incentive compensation award with a target payment equal to 75% (and a maximum payment of 100%) of his salary during each fiscal year, subject to the terms and conditions of the Company's annual bonus plan and further subject to certain targets or criteria reasonably determined by the Board or the Compensation Committee. Mr. Luttrell received, pursuant to his employment agreement, grants of restricted stock and stock options covering 350,000 and 700,000 shares, respectively, under the Company's 2011 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan, and will participate in the benefit plans that the Company maintains for its executive officers and receive certain other standard benefits (including, without limitation, relocation expenses and reimbursement of travel and business-related expenses). See "Potential Payments upon Termination or Change of Control" for additional information regarding Mr. Luttrell's employment agreement.

Glenn A. Weinman, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

In February 2009, Glenn A. Weinman joined the Company as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary. In connection with Mr. Weinman's appointment as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, the Company and Mr. Weinman entered into an employment agreement, pursuant to which Mr. Weinman will serve as the Company's General Counsel and Secretary for an initial two-year term, commencing on February 17, 2009, which term automatically extends for successive one-year periods unless terminated by the Company on at least 90 days written notice prior to the expiration of the then-current term. Mr. Weinman's employment agreement also provides that he will be eligible for stock and stock option grants under the Company's 2011 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan, as may be determined by the Compensation Committee, and will participate in the benefit plans that the Company maintains for its executive officers and receive certain other standard benefits (including, without limitation, vacation benefits and reimbursement of travel and business-related expenses, dues and fees). See "Potential for Payments upon Termination or Change of Control" for additional information regarding Mr. Weinman's employment agreement.



## EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION

Plan Category	Number of Shares of Common Stock to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of Shares of Common Stock remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding shares reflected in the first column)
Equity compensation plans approved by stockholders	700,000	\$ 0.815	13,400,000
Equity compensation plans not approved by stockholders	—	—	—
Total	700,000	\$ 0.815	13,400,000

## GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS

The following table presents information regarding grants of plan-based awards for our Named Officers during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013.

Name	Grant Date	Approval Date	Estimated Future Payments Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Common Stock	All Other Option Awards: Number of Options	Exercise Price of Underlying Securities (\$/Sh)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$)
			Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Maximum (#)				
(a)	(b)	(c)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
Dov Charney	3/8/13	3/12/14	—	1,248,000	(1)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
John J.	3/8/13	3/12/14	—	324,480	(2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Luttrell	3/8/13	3/8/13(3)	—	—		—	—	—	—	270,000	—	—	480,600
Martin													
Bailey	3/8/13	3/12/14	—	180,000	(4)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Glenn A.													
Weinman	3/8/13	3/8/13(3)	—	—		—	—	—	—	60,000	—	—	106,800
Adrian													
Taylor	3/8/13	3/8/13(3)	—	—		—	—	—	—	40,000	—	—	71,200

- (1) Actual bonus payment approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors on March 12, 2014 for the performance period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 was \$216,234.
- (2) Actual bonus payment approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors on March 12, 2014 for the performance period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 was \$47,546.
- (3) Awards of restricted stock under the Company's 2011 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan, vesting as to one-third of the respective total amounts on each of March 1, 2014, 2015 and 2016.
- (4) Actual bonus payment approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors on March 12, 2014 for the performance period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 was \$40,000.
- (5) Actual bonus payment approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors on March 12, 2014 for the performance period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 was \$44,574.
- (6) Actual bonus payment approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors on March 12, 2014 for the performance period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 was \$26,173.

## Stock Options and Other Equity Awards

## OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL YEAR-END

The table below provides information about outstanding equity awards of each of our Named Officers during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013.

## OPTION AWARDS

Name (a)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable (b)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable (c)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards:		
			Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (d)	Option Exercise Price (\$/Sh) (e)	Option Expiration Date (f)
Dov Charney	—	—	—	—	—
John J. Luttrell(1)	525,000	175,000	—	\$0.815	10/10/21
Martin Bailey	—	—	—	—	—
Glenn A. Weinman	—	—	—	—	—
Adrian Taylor	—	—	—	—	—

(1) Represents the vested and unvested portions of the grant of options to acquire 700,000 shares, with the unvested portion vesting as to 25% of the original grant on January 1, 2014.

## STOCK AWARDS

Name (a)	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#) (g)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$) (h)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$) (i)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$) (j)
			Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$) (i)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$) (j)
Dov Charney	—	—	25,415,800(1)	31,261,435

John J. Luttrell	407,500	(2)	501,255	—	—
Martin Bailey	333,333	(3)	410,000	—	—
Glenn A. Weinman	283,000	(4)	348,090	—	—
Adrian Taylor	100,000	(5)	123,000	—	—

- (1) Total amount represents (i) the right to receive 5,000,000 shares, issuable in two installments with respect to 2013 and 2014, upon the satisfaction of certain EBITDA-based performance targets (the “EBITDA Award Shares”), granted pursuant to the employment agreement with Mr. Charney, and (ii) 20,415,800 shares that may be granted pursuant to the Charney Anti-Dilution Provision of the Charney Purchase Agreement as further described in Note 13 to the Company’s audited consolidated financial statements included in the Annual Report. As of the Record Date, Mr. Charney was not entitled to receive (i) 2,500,000 of the EBITDA Award Shares with respect to fiscal year 2013 and (ii) one-third of the shares under the Charney Anti-Dilution Provision of the Charney Purchase Agreement, with respect to the first measurement period thereunder, although these shares are included in the chart above.
- (2) Unvested share total includes 87,500 shares vesting on January 1, 2014, 115,000 shares vesting on March 1, 2014 and March 1, 2015, and 90,000 shares vesting on March 1, 2016.
- (3) Unvested share total includes 333,333 shares vesting on November 26, 2014.
- (4) Unvested share total includes 16,333 shares vesting on November 26, 2014, 123,333 shares vesting on March 1, 2014, 123,334 shares vesting on March 1, 2015, and 20,000 shares vesting on March 1, 2016.
- (5) Unvested share total includes 33,333 shares vesting on November 26, 2014, 26,666 shares vesting on March 1, 2014, 26,667 shares vesting on March 1, 2015, and 13,334 shares vesting on March 1, 2016. All shares that had not vested prior to March 14, 2014, were forfeited on March 14, 2014, the effective date of Mr. Taylor’s resignation.

## OPTIONS EXERCISED AND STOCK VESTED

The table below provides information about stock vested for each of the Named Officers during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013.

Name (a)	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#) (b)	Value Related on Exercise (\$) (c)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#) (d)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$) (e)
Dov Charney	—	—	—	—
John J. Luttrell	—	—	112,500	130,875
Martin Bailey	—	—	333,333	400,000
Glenn A. Weinman	—	—	112,999	143,332
Adrian Taylor	—	—	46,666	57,066

## Pension Benefits and Nonqualified Defined Contribution Plans

The Company's Named Officers did not participate in, or otherwise receive any benefits under, any pension or non-qualified defined contribution plans sponsored by the Company during 2013 or any other prior years.

## Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change of Control

In the discussion that follows, payments and other benefits payable upon early termination are set out as if the terminations took place on December 31, 2013. In setting out such payments and benefits, amounts that had already been earned as of the termination date are not shown. Also, benefits that are available to all full-time regular employees when their employment terminates are not shown. The amounts set forth below are estimates of the amounts which could be paid out to the Named Officers upon their termination. The actual amounts to be paid out can only be determined at the time of such Named Officer's separation from the Company.

The following are descriptions of potential payments upon termination or change of control with respect to the employment agreements of our executive officers.

## Dov Charney, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Charney's employment agreement provides that in the event that his employment is terminated (i) by the Company without "cause" or (ii) by Mr. Charney for "good reason," Mr. Charney will be entitled to the following: (1) a pro rata portion of his annual and long term performance bonuses for the year in which he is terminated as if 100% of the performance targets were met, (2) a payment equal to the greater of (x) annual base salary for the remainder of his employment contract or (y) two times the sum of his annual base salary and maximum annual performance bonus, (3) immediate vesting of all equity awards granted to him by the Company (other than the award which may be granted pursuant to his April 1, 2012 employment agreement) and (4) all lock-up restrictions on all of Mr. Charney's stock in the Company will immediately lapse.

In the event of a change in control, if any payments or benefits due to Mr. Charney in connection with the change in control, including payments as a result of termination of his employment, will be subject to excise taxes as defined in his employment agreement, Mr. Charney will be entitled to a tax gross-up for all effects of the excise taxes. If a



change in control had occurred as of December 31, 2013, and Mr. Charney had received the termination lump sum payments described above, he would have been entitled to a tax gross-up payment of up to approximately \$17,100,000. This calculation is dependent on prior compensation as defined under applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code.

Upon termination of Mr. Charney's employment by the Company with "cause" or due to Mr. Charney's permanent incapacity or death, the Company will pay Mr. Charney any unreimbursed expenses then owed by the Company and all accrued but unpaid wages. Mr. Charney will not be entitled to any other consideration or compensation.

Had Mr. Charney separated from the Company as of December 31, 2013, as a result of termination without "cause" or resignation for "good reason," he would have been entitled to a payment amounting to \$6,240,000 (of which \$3,744,000 is attributable to bonuses and \$2,496,000 is attributable to salary).

John J. Luttrell, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Luttrell's employment agreement provides that if Mr. Luttrell is terminated without "cause" or if he resigns for "good reason," the Company will pay Mr. Luttrell the following: (a) his base salary accrued through the date of such resignation or termination and, subject to entering into a release, continued payment of Mr. Luttrell's then-current base salary for a period of twelve months (the "Continuation Period"); (b) any bonus earned but not yet paid in respect of any calendar year preceding the year in which such termination or resignation occurs; and (c) any unreimbursed expenses. In addition, in such case, Mr. Luttrell and his eligible dependents will be entitled to receive, until the earlier of the last day of the Continuation Period and the date Mr. Luttrell is entitled to comparable benefits by a subsequent employer, continued participation in the Company's medical, dental and insurance plans and arrangements. If the Company elects not to extend Mr. Luttrell's term of employment, then unless Mr. Luttrell's employment has been earlier terminated, Mr. Luttrell's employment will be deemed to terminate at the end of the applicable term and the Company will pay Mr. Luttrell the amounts set forth in clauses (a) through (c) above in this paragraph.

If Mr. Luttrell's employment terminates by reason of his death or disability, or if he is terminated for "cause" or if he resigns without "good reason" (as these terms are defined in the Employment Agreement), the Company will pay him (a) his base salary accrued through the date of such resignation or termination; (b) any unreimbursed expenses; and (c) only in the case of a termination because of his death or disability, (x) any bonus earned but not yet paid in respect of any calendar year preceding the year in which such termination of employment occurs and (y) a prorated amount of his target annual performance bonus, if any, for the calendar year in which such termination of employment occurs.

Had Mr. Luttrell separated from the Company as of December 31, 2013, as a result of termination without "cause" or resignation for "good reason," he would have been entitled to a payment amounting to \$432,640 plus health insurance benefits, of \$467 per month, for a period of 12 months after separation, or until comparable benefits are obtained from a new employer.

Glenn A. Weinman, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Mr. Weinman's employment agreement provides that if Mr. Weinman is terminated without "cause" or if he resigns for "good reason," the Company will pay Mr. Weinman the following: (a) his base salary accrued through the date of such resignation or termination and continuing for a period of one year after the date of such resignation or termination (the "Continuation Period"); (b) any bonus earned but not yet paid in respect of any calendar year preceding the year in which such termination or resignation occurs; (c) a bonus for the calendar year in which such termination or resignation occurs equal to his target annual performance bonus, if any, for such year and each subsequent calendar year included in whole or in part within the Continuation Period (prorated in the case of any partial calendar year based on the number of days included in such Continuation Period); and (d) any unreimbursed expenses and all stock and stock option grants awarded to Mr. Weinman by the Company also will become vested and exercisable. In addition, in such case, Mr. Weinman will be entitled to receive, until the earlier of the last day of the Continuation Period and the date Mr. Weinman is entitled to comparable benefits by a subsequent employer, continued participation in the Company's medical, dental and insurance plans and arrangements.

If Mr. Weinman's employment terminates by reason of his death or disability, or if he is terminated for "cause" or if he resigns without "good reason," the Company will pay him (a) his base salary accrued through the date of such resignation or termination; (b) any bonus earned but not yet paid in respect of any calendar year preceding the year in which such termination of employment occurs; (c) only in the case of a termination because of his death or disability, a prorated amount of his target annual performance bonus for the calendar year in which such termination of employment occurs; and (d) any unreimbursed expenses. If Mr. Weinman's employment terminates by reason of his death, in lieu of the payment schedule described above, his beneficiary or estate may elect to receive a single lump sum payment equal to the present value of all such payments.

Had Mr. Weinman separated from the Company as of December 31, 2013, as a result of termination without "cause" or resignation for "good reason," he would have been entitled to a payment amounting to \$754,374 including health insurance benefits, of \$1,437 per month, for a period of 12 months after separation, or until comparable benefits are obtained from a new employer.

## BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SHARES

The following table sets forth certain information available to the Company as of the Record Date, with respect to shares of Common Stock held by (i) our Named Officers (as defined under “Compensation Discussion and Analysis” above), (ii) each director, including the Class A Nominees, (iii) each stockholder who is known to the Company to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of our issued and outstanding Common Stock based on statements filed with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Exchange Act, and (iv) all of our current directors and executive officers as a group.

Name of Beneficial Owner(1)(10)	Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock		
	Number	Percent of Class	
Dov Charney	47,209,406	27	%
Lion/Hollywood L.L.C.(2) c/o Lion Capital (Americas) Inc. 100 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 1400 Santa Monica, CA 90401	24,511,023	12	%
FiveT Capital Holding AG(3) c/o Räber Treuhand GmbH Churerstrasse 98 8808 Pfaffikon Switzerland	22,000,000	13	%
1832 Asset Management L.P.(4) One Adelaide Street East, 29th Floor Toronto, Ontario M5C 2V9 Canada	14,253,266	8	%
Martin Bailey(5)	1,535,580	*	
John J. Luttrell(6)	1,317,186	*	
Glenn A. Weinman(7)	464,532	*	
Adrian Taylor(8)	186,747	*	
William Mauer	184,914	*	
Robert Greene	148,672	*	
Allan Mayer(9)	147,672	*	
David Danziger	107,926	*	
Marvin Igelman	107,926	*	
Alberto Chehebar	84,914	*	
All directors, executive officers and Lion/Hollywood L.L.C. as a group (12 persons)(11)	76,006,498	44	%

(1) This table is based upon 173,497,302 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of the Record Date and upon information supplied by officers, directors, principal stockholders and the Company’s transfer agent, and contained in schedules filed with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Exchange Act. Except as described in the footnotes below and subject to applicable community property laws and similar laws, the Company believes that each person listed above has sole voting and investment power with respect to such shares. Unless otherwise indicated, the business address of each of the directors and executive officers in this table is c/o American Apparel, Inc., 747 Warehouse Street, Los Angeles, California 90021.

(2) According to the Schedule 13D filed on April 3, 2014, as of April 1, 2014, Lion held warrants exercisable to purchase a total of up to 24,511,022.66 shares of Common Stock. Upon exercise, the actual number of warrants issued would be rounded to the nearest whole number. See “Certain Relationships and Related Transactions” below for further description of the warrants held by Lion.

- (3) According to the Schedule 13D/A filed on April 7, 2014.
- (4) According to the Schedule 13G filed on January 10, 2014.
- (5) Includes 333,333 unvested shares.
- (6) Includes 205,000 unvested shares and 700,000 vested options with an exercise price of \$0.82.
- (7) Includes 159,667 unvested shares.
- (8) All of Mr. Taylor's unvested shares were forfeited on March 14, 2014, the effective date of his resignation.
- (9) 1,000 shares are held by a trust established for the benefit of Mr. Mayer and his family, of which Mr. Mayer is Trustee.
- (10) If a person has the right to acquire shares of Common Stock subject to options and other convertible or exercisable securities, such as warrants, within 60 days of the Record Date, then such shares are deemed outstanding for purposes of computing the percentage ownership of that person, but are not deemed outstanding for purposes of computing the percentage ownership of any other person. The following shares of Common Stock subject to stock options and warrants may be acquired within 60 days of the Record Date and are included in the table above: Lion/Hollywood L.L.C. (24,511,023 shares issuable upon exercise of the Lion Warrants, all as further described below under "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions"). For stock awards granted to our executive officers, the total number of shares of Common Stock granted have been included in the table above even though those stock awards may be subject to vesting. For more information, see "Stock Options and Other Equity Awards-Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End" contained herein.
- (11) Includes (i) 76,005,498 shares owned by our current directors and executive officers and Lion/Hollywood L.L.C.; and (ii) 1,000 shares held by a trust established for the benefit of Mr. Mayer and his family, of which Mr. Mayer is Trustee.

## CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

Under its charter, the Audit Committee is charged with reviewing the Company's policies relating to the avoidance of conflicts of interest and reviewing all related party transactions that are required to be disclosed pursuant to SEC Regulation S-K, Item 404, or any successor provision. Additionally, the Audit Committee is responsible for reviewing the Company's program to monitor compliance with the Company's Code of Ethics. The Company's Code of Ethics is applicable to all directors, officers and employees and provides examples of conflict of interest situations as including, but not limited to, the following: any significant ownership interest in any supplier or customer; any consulting or employment relationship with any customer, supplier or competitor; any outside business activity that detracts from an individual's ability to devote appropriate time and attention to his or her responsibilities with the Company; the receipt of money, non-nominal gifts or excessive entertainment from any company with which the Company has current or prospective business dealings; being in the position of supervising, reviewing or having any influence on the job evaluation, pay or benefit of any close relative; selling anything to the Company or buying anything from the Company, except on the same terms and conditions as comparable officers or directors are permitted to so purchase or sell; and any other circumstance, event, relationship or situation in which the personal interest of a person subject to the Code of Conduct interferes, or even appears to interfere, with the interests of the Company as a whole. In determining whether to approve or ratify a transaction, the Audit Committee will take into account, among other factors it deems appropriate, whether the transaction is on terms no less favorable than terms generally available to an unaffiliated third-party under the same or similar circumstances and the extent of the related person's interest in the transaction.

The following are the material transactions or agreements between the Company and related persons. The Audit Committee has approved or ratified all of these transactions. All dollar amounts in this section are in United States dollars unless stated otherwise.

### Relationship with Lion

The following descriptions of the agreements among the Company, Lion and Mr. Charney are qualified in their respective entirety by reference to the respective agreements, as filed with the SEC, and the descriptions thereof included in the Company's Current Reports on Form 8-K.

#### Old Lion Credit Agreement

On April 4, 2013, the Company repaid all amounts owed to Lion with respect to the credit agreement with Lion, entered into on March 13, 2009 (as amended, the "Old Lion Credit Agreement") and pursuant to which the Company had outstanding indebtedness of \$109,680,000 as of December 31, 2012. The Company continues to be a party to certain warrants and other agreements entered into in connection with the Old Lion Credit Agreement, as described below. For more information regarding the Old Lion Credit Agreement and the repayment thereof, see "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Debt Agreements and Other Capital Resources—Lion Credit Agreement," Note 8 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K and the Company's current report on Form 8-K filed on April 9, 2013.

#### New Lion Loan Agreement

On May 22, 2013, the Company entered into a new loan agreement (the "New Lion Loan Agreement") with Lion, pursuant to which Lion has made term loans to the Company in an initial aggregate principal amount equal to \$9.5 million. The term loans under the New Lion Loan Agreement mature on October 4, 2018 and bear interest at a rate of 20% per annum. Interest under the New Lion Loan Agreement is payable in cash or, to the extent permitted by the Company's other debt agreements, in-kind. For more information regarding the New Lion Loan Agreement, see Note 8

to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our Annual Report.

## Lion Warrants

As of December 31, 2013, Lion held warrants exercisable at any time during their term for an exercise price of \$0.75 per share, all expiring on February 18, 2022 (the “Lion Warrants”), for an aggregate of 21,606,025 shares of Common Stock. The Lion Warrants contain anti-dilution protection provisions pursuant to which the Company could be required to issue new warrants to Lion or reduce the exercise price of the existing Lion Warrants in the event of certain issuances and sales of common or preferred stock (including securities convertible, exercisable or exchangeable for common or preferred stock) or exchanges, as applicable. The issuance of shares of common stock by the Company on March 31, 2014 in connection with the underwritten offering closed by the Company on that date triggered an adjustment to the number of shares issuable and warrant price of the Lion Warrants pursuant to the anti-dilution protection provisions contained in the Lion Warrants. The Lion Warrants were exercisable following such adjustment for an aggregate of 24,511,023 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$0.661 per share, for approximately 12.4% of the outstanding shares as of the Record Date, taking into account the total number of shares outstanding following such exercise.

## Voting Agreements

Mr. Charney and Lion are parties to an investment voting agreement, dated as of March 13, 2009, (the “2009 Investment Voting Agreement”) and the Company and Lion are parties to an investment agreement, dated as of March 13, 2009 (the “Investment Agreement”). Pursuant to the Investment Agreement, Lion currently has the right to designate two Investor Directors to the Board of Directors and a Board Observer. Lion’s right to designate Investor Directors and a Board Observer is subject to maintaining certain minimum ownership thresholds of shares issuable under the Lion Warrant. Positions for Lion’s Investor Directors and Board Observer were vacant as of the date of this Proxy Statement. See “Director Vacancies” above.

Pursuant to the 2009 Investment Voting Agreement, for so long as Lion has the right to designate any person or persons to the Board of Directors, Mr. Charney has agreed to vote his shares of Common Stock in favor of Lion’s designees, provided that Mr. Charney’s obligation to so vote terminates if he owns less than 6,000,000 shares of Common Stock (which number will be adjusted appropriately to take into account any stock split, reverse stock split or similar transaction). In addition, pursuant to the 2009 Investment Voting Agreement, for so long as Lion has the right to designate any person or persons to the Board of Directors, Lion has agreed to vote its shares of Common Stock in favor of Mr. Charney each time Mr. Charney is nominated for election to the Board of Directors, provided that Lion’s obligation to so vote terminates if Mr. Charney beneficially owns less than 27,900,000 shares of Common Stock (which number will be adjusted appropriately to take into account any stock split, reverse stock split or similar transaction).

## Relationship with Dov Charney

### Charney Anti-Dilution Provision

As of December 31, 2014, pursuant to the Charney Purchase Agreement, as amended, among other things, 20,415,8000 shares of Common Stock were issuable to Mr. Charney in three equal installments of one-third of the total amount, subject to meeting the applicable volume weighted average closing price (“VWAP”) for 30 consecutive trading days, calculated as follows: (i) for the measurement period from April 16, 2012 to and including April 15, 2014, if the VWAP of the Common Stock during a period of 30 consecutive trading days exceeds \$3.25 per share; (ii) for the measurement period from but not including April 16, 2014 to and including April 15, 2015, if the VWAP of the Common Stock during a period of 30 consecutive trading days exceeds \$4.25 per share; and (iii) for the measurement period from but not including April 16, 2015 to and including April 15, 2016, the VWAP of the Common Stock during a period of 30 consecutive trading days exceeds \$5.25 per share. As of April 16, 2014, the



VWAP target for the first measurement period had not been met.

Personal Guarantees by Mr. Charney

Dov Charney has personally guaranteed the obligations of American Apparel, aggregating up to \$17,465,000 under seven property leases and \$1,000,000 under two agreements with vendors.

Lease Agreement Between the Company and an Affiliate of Mr. Charney and Mr. Bailey

American Apparel is party to an operating lease for its knitting facility with American Central Plaza, LLC, which expires in 2016. As of the date of this Proxy Statement, Dov Charney holds an 18.75% ownership interest in American Central Plaza, LLC, while Martin Bailey, the Company's Chief Manufacturing Officer, holds a 6.25% interest. The remaining members of American Central Plaza, LLC are not affiliated with the Company. Rent expense (including property taxes and insurance payments) related to this lease was \$778,000, \$830,000 and \$622,000 for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Payments to Morris Charney

Morris Charney, Dov Charney's father ("Mr. M. Charney"), currently serves as a director of American Apparel Canada Wholesale Inc. and American Apparel Canada Retail Inc. Day-to-day operations of these two Canadian subsidiaries are handled by other employees of these subsidiaries, none of whom performs any policy making functions for the Company. Management of American Apparel sets the policies for American Apparel and its subsidiaries as a whole. Mr. M. Charney provided the initial funding for the founding of Old American Apparel in 1998, as well as subsequent additional financing, all remaining amounts of which were repaid during 2007. Mr. M. Charney does not perform any policy making functions for the Company or any of its subsidiaries. Instead, Mr. M. Charney only provides architectural consulting services primarily for stores located in Canada and, in limited cases, in the United States. During 2013 and the current year through March 31, 2014, Mr. M. Charney was paid architectural consulting and director fees amounting to \$238,000 and \$56,000, respectively for his services.

## OTHER MATTERS

### Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires the Company's executive officers and directors, and any beneficial owner of more than ten percent of a registered class of the Company's equity securities, to file reports (Forms 3, 4 and 5) of stock ownership and changes in ownership with the SEC and the NYSE MKT. Officers, directors and beneficial owners of more than ten percent of the Common Stock are required by SEC regulations to furnish the Company with copies of all such forms that they file.

Based solely on the Company's review of the copies of Forms 3, 4 and 5 and the amendments thereto received by it for the year ended December 31, 2013, or written representations from certain reporting persons that no Forms 5 were required to be filed by those persons, the Company believes that during the year ended December 31, 2013, all filing requirements were complied with by its executive officers, directors and beneficial owners of more than ten percent of the Common Stock, except that 1832 Asset Management L.P. (formerly, GCIC Ltd.), did not file reports on Form 3, Form 4 or Form 5 during the year.

## OTHER BUSINESS

The Board of Directors knows of no other matters to be brought before the stockholders at the Annual Meeting. If other matters are properly presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting, the proxy holders will vote shares represented by properly executed proxies as recommended by the Board of Directors or, if no recommendation is given, in their discretion in accordance with their judgment on such matters.

## INFORMATION CONCERNING STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS

Proposals of stockholders that are intended to be presented at our 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders must be received by us no later than December 29, 2014 in order to be included in the proxy statement and form of proxy relating to that annual meeting. A stockholder must have continuously held at least \$2,000 in market value, or 1%, of the Company's outstanding Common Stock for at least one year by the date of submission of the proposal, and the stockholder must continue to own such stock through the date of the meeting.

In addition, for a stockholder proposal that is not intended to be included in the Company's proxy statement for the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders under the Exchange Act, written notice of the proposal, which notice must include the information required by the Bylaws, must be received by the Company's Secretary not earlier than the close of business on the 90th day prior to the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and not later than the close of business on the 60th day prior to the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. If less than 70 days' notice or prior public disclosure of the date of next year's annual meeting is given or made to stockholders, then notice of a stockholder proposal that is not intended to be included in the Company's proxy statement under Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act must be received no later than the close of business on the tenth day following the date on which notice of the date of such annual meeting is mailed to the stockholders or the date on which public disclosure of the date of such annual meeting is made, whichever is first. Furthermore, receipt by the Company of any such proposal from a qualified stockholder in a timely manner will not guarantee its inclusion in the proxy materials or its presentation at the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, because there are other relevant requirements in the SEC's proxy rules.

For proposals that are timely filed, the Company retains discretion to vote proxies it receives provided that (1) the Company includes in its proxy statement advice on the nature of the proposal and how it intends to exercise its voting discretion and (2) the proponent does not issue a proxy statement.

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